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## **Arrival**

### **Location**

Tyndall Air Force Base is about 13 miles east of Panama City and 20 miles west of Port St. Joe. Access to and from Tyndall is via U.S. Highway 98. This highway intersects U.S. Highway 231 from the north. U.S. Highway 231 is the main route taken by those entering Bay County.

If you arrive in Panama City by bus or air travel, there is no city bus service to Tyndall, nor is military taxi service available. However, commercial taxis and limousines serve both the bus terminal and the Panama City airport.

If an emergency arises and you are unable to obtain commercial transportation, contact the base motor vehicle dispatch section from 6 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 6 a.m.-9 p.m. weekends and holidays at (850) 283-4872 for transportation assistance.

### **Sand Dollar Inn**

This lodging facility is the largest hotel in Panama City. Located in Building 1332, the inn offers a 24-hour arrival point for those arriving after duty hours.

The Sand Dollar Inn can fill temporary lodging needs with 40 family units for those arriving with their families. It also boasts 219 beds for single officers and more than 500 beds for single enlisted members. Distinguished visitors, colonels and above, should make reservations through the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing protocol office, (850) 283-2800.

Before obtaining temporary lodging in the community, contact the lodging office at (850) 283-4210, located in Building 1332, space may be available.

Reservations can be made by calling (850) 283-4210 or DSN 523-4210, Ext. 3346, or by writing the Tyndall Lodging Office, P.O. Box 40040, Tyndall AFB, FL 32403-5000.

### **Intro**

All arriving military members must first in-process through their squadron Commander's Support Staff before taking their records to INTRO, located in the Military Personnel Flight

Customer Service section of the 325<sup>th</sup> FW Headquarters, Building 662, Room 200. After a stop at your CSS, arriving military members meet with the INTRO manager. All hand-carried records and documents should be brought to this meeting with the INTRO manager, in order to begin your inprocessing. Inprocessing takes place at 8 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, in the Military Personnel Flight Customer Service section. Those arriving after duty hours may report to the 24-hour arrival point in the Sand Dollar Inn, Building 1332, for lodging arrangements. Also, Lodging has a listing of all sponsor names and telephone numbers.

### **Postal Facilities**

The U.S. Postal Service is located in the Building 1005. This Postal Service Center is a contract operation handling general delivery for new arrivals and TDY personnel. Mail pick-up is available 24 hours a day for those with lock boxes. Newly assigned people can forward their mail to 730 Suwannee Ave., PSC Box 5000, Tyndall AFB, FL 32403-5000. Postal officials recommend including your RNLTD in the forwarding address.

### **Uniforms**

All service uniforms are authorized for wear year-round. Individuals may roll up their BDU sleeves. When rolled up, the camouflage pattern will remain exposed. Except for the stocking cap (wear period Oct. 1- March 31), headgear may not be worn on the flight line.

### **Vehicle Registration**

To register a motor vehicle in Florida, contact the Department of Motor Vehicles office in the city of Parker or Panama City. Requirements for state registration are the vehicle title, proof of insurance, and the vehicle itself as the vehicle identification number will be verified. After obtaining state registration, bring your military ID, driver's license and the documents listed above to Pass and Registration, Building 662, to register your vehicle on base and receive base decals. Motor vehicles, including motorcycles, must be registered on base within 5 duty days of arrival. Decals must be placed in the lower driver's side corner of your front windshield or on the left front fork of motorcycles.

To obtain a Florida driver's license, applicants who have a valid license from another state are required to take an eye examination. To renew a Florida license, a road sign and eye test are required. For additional information, call DSN 523-4191 or commercial (850) 283-4191.

### **Housing**

Tyndall offers several housing areas for military families, including our newest, Felix Lake. Currently, family housing units total 1,042. Advance applications are accepted with official orders. For more information and waiting times, call (850) 283-2036.

Tyndall has 485 bed spaces for single E-1 through E-4 airmen. Single E-1s - E-4s must report to the dormitory manager's office, behind Building 1149 during normal duty hours. On weekends and holidays, report to lodging (Sand Dollar Inn) for temporary lodging. E-1s through E-4s may be able to reside off base with permission from the dormitory manager and their unit first sergeant. For more information, call (850) 283-3228.

There are no unaccompanied officers quarters available.

In addition to on base housing, the surrounding area offers a wide variety of housing options. Four bedroom houses are very limited. Many landlords do not accept pets. The family housing office staff provides both on- and off-base housing information. Off-base rental and sales listings are available and housing officials are available to review leases before they are signed. Prior to seeking off-base housing, military members are required to check with the housing office located in Building 747. For more information, call (850) 283-8141 or DSN 523-8141.

**The estimated waiting time for each category of on-base housing is:**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Waiting Time</u>
2 BR JrNCO	4 Months
3 BR JrNCO	6 Months
4 BR JrNCO	10-12 Months
3 BR SrNCO	6 Months
4 BR SrNCO	6-9 Months
3 BR CG	6-9 Months
3 BR FG	12-24 Months
3/4 BR SO	12-24 Months

The Panama City area provides a wide variety of housing opportunities. Everything from modern waterfront homes to plantation style houses with moss covered trees. There are many family oriented neighborhoods, apartment complexes and mobile home parks and the relaxed lifestyle of townhouse and condominium living. There is something to fit every lifestyle and price range.

**The 2000 Basic Housing Allowances for the Panama City area are:**

	<u>W/DEP</u>	<u>WO/DEP</u>		<u>W/DEP</u>	<u>WO/DEP</u>
01	\$622	\$600	E1	\$600	\$480
01E	\$756	\$605	E2	\$600	\$480
02	\$749	\$604	E3	\$600	\$480
02E	\$759	\$670	E4	\$602	\$480
03	\$760	\$700	E5	\$605	\$560
03E	\$800	\$753	E6	\$753	\$600
04	\$849	\$755	E7	\$755	\$603
05	\$912	\$757	E8	\$758	\$634
06	\$920	\$760	E9	\$784	\$680

**Approximate housing cost for the Panama City Area are:**

<u>Housing</u>	<u>Apartment Rental</u>	<u>Home Rental</u>
1 BR	\$250 – 500	\$275 – 400
2 BR	\$375 – 800	\$450 – 700
3 BR	\$650 – 1,000	\$600 – 1,200
4 BR	N/A	\$750 – 1,500
<u>Housing</u>	<u>Home Purchase</u>	<u>Mobile Home Purchase</u>
1 BR	\$20,000 - 45,000	N/A
2 BR	\$45,000 - 79,000	\$9,000 - 18,000
3 BR	\$65,000 - 140,000	\$11,000 - 30,000

4 BR                    \$110,000 and Up                    \$40,000 and Up

Average utility deposits are: gas \$55 - \$80; electric \$80 - \$150; and water/sewage \$80 - \$100. Waivers are available for gas and electric deposits. Average telephone and cable installation charges are: telephone \$65 - \$150 and cable TV \$35 - \$65.

Tyndall's Military Family Housing Management office is located in Building 747.

## **Facilities & Services**

### **Education Center**

The Education Center staff includes professional counselors who advise military, civil service personnel, retirees, and family members on educational opportunities. Programs include Community College of the Air Force, enlisted commissioning programs, college-level testing, professional military education, veteran's benefits, tuition assistance, financial aid, deferments, the Bootstrap program and distance learning.

Three schools provide on-base programs: Gulf Coast Community College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Troy State University.

Gulf Coast Community College offers approximately 100 courses at Tyndall each semester. A wide variety of degree programs are available including associate degrees which prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions; associate of science degrees in occupational fields and some one-year certificate programs. Classes are scheduled for morning, noon, afternoon, evening and weekend attendance. Video courses are also available. Many additional courses are offered at the Panama City campus, approximately 18 miles from Tyndall. The Tyndall office for GCCC is located in the Education Center, Building 1230, Room 45, DSN 523-4332 or commercial (850) 283-4332. Visit the GCCC web site at [www.gc.cc.fl.us](http://www.gc.cc.fl.us)

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is an aviation-oriented institution. At Tyndall, ERAU offers an Associate and Bachelor of Science degree in Professional Aeronautics, Bachelor of Science in Management of Technical Operations, and a Master of Science in Aeronautical Science. ERAU provides courses in five nine-week terms, each year. The Tyndall office for ERAU is located in the Education Center, Room 48, DSN 523-4557 or commercial (850) 283-4557. Visit the ERAU web site at [www.erau.edu](http://www.erau.edu)

Troy State University Florida Region offers programs designed for students with diverse educational background and varying work schedules. Programs at Tyndall include Bachelor of Science degrees in Psychology and Business Administration, and Master of Science degrees in Counseling and Psychology, Public Administration, International Relations, Human Resources Management and Management. The school operates on four 10-week quarters. Many intensive weekend classes are offered, and distance learning is planned. The Tyndall office for TSU is located in the Education Center, Room 44A, DSN 523-4449 or commercial (850) 283-4449. Visit the TSU web site at [www.tsufl.edu](http://www.tsufl.edu)

The Florida Engineering Education Delivery System is a video tape and interactive video program which provides quality graduate degrees or extended studies in a variety of engineering studies. At Tyndall, students enroll through the Panama City campus of Florida State University. Visit the FEEDS web site at [www.eng.fsu.edu/feeds/Feeds.html](http://www.eng.fsu.edu/feeds/Feeds.html)

Florida State University, Panama City Campus, is located about 18 miles from Tyndall. The school offers bachelor and masters degree programs in arts and sciences, business, education, communication, social science and social work. For more information call, (850) 872-4750. Visit the FSU web site at [www.pc.fsu.edu](http://www.pc.fsu.edu)

Haney Vocational-Technical Center is located about 15 miles from Tyndall, and offers a variety of technical programs and certificates in areas such as automotive, carpentry, drafting, computer technology, business technology, family sciences, health occupations, welding, heating and air conditioning and others. For more information call, (850) 747-5500. Visit the web site at [www.bay.k12.fl.us/schools/htc](http://www.bay.k12.fl.us/schools/htc)

The Shaw Adult Center is located about 5 miles from Tyndall, and provides courses leading to the General Education Development certificate or a high school diploma. The school also provides English as a Second Language, and refresher college preparatory courses. For more information call (850) 872-4555.

The Tyndall Education Center is open normal duty days, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. All counseling and testing is by appointment. To schedule appointments, or for more information on educational programs, call DSN 523-4285 or commercial (850) 283-4285. Education Center e-mail address is [325mssdpe@fw.tyndall.af.mil](mailto:325mssdpe@fw.tyndall.af.mil). The Tyndall home page is [www.tyndall.af.mil](http://www.tyndall.af.mil)

## **Schools**

**Public:** Bay County's school district was formed in 1913 and has always enjoyed a reputation for educational excellence. Students consistently rank above state and national norms on SAT and ACT tests. There are several elementary, middle and high schools in the area. Bay County's web page outlines the different facilities, ([www.panamacity.org](http://www.panamacity.org)). There is also an adult center, a vocational-technical center and an excellent program for exceptional children. School buses provide transportation to and from school for those students who live more than two miles from their assigned schools.

The exceptional student program in Bay County includes gifted children, as well as those with physical and emotional handicaps, ([www.bay.k12.fl.us](http://www.bay.k12.fl.us)).

**Private:** Several private and parochial schools are located in Bay County, as well as a number of day care and kindergarten classes.

**Rehabilitative:** The Panama City Marine Institute has a rehabilitative program for troubled minors, offering remedial education, vocational and employment skills training and counseling. A motivating environment is provided in which juvenile offenders can redirect and reshape their lives. The rehabilitative endeavor teaches good citizenship, seamanship, navigation and some marine biology. Youths are employed in labor-intensive environmental projects such as building artificial reefs and planting marine vegetation.

**Higher Education:** Gulf Coast Community College sits on a 74-acre campus over-looking North Bay. This is a public, two-year institution, granting associate of arts and science degrees in a variety of academic and occupational programs. A number of cultural programs are offered to the community through the college. ([www.gc.cc.fl.us](http://www.gc.cc.fl.us))

The Panama City branch of Florida State University is located adjacent to GCCC. The university has a student capacity of 3,000. Nine institutions comprise the State University System of Florida and FSU is a senior member, ([www.pc.fsu.edu](http://www.pc.fsu.edu)).

Troy State University offers graduate and undergraduate degree programs at Tyndall. For more information, call (850) 283-4449 or write to TSU-Florida. Region, Box 40097, Tyndall AFB, FL 32403, ([www.tsufl.edu](http://www.tsufl.edu)).

Anyone desiring information on either campus should contact Gulf Coast Community College, 5230 West Highway 98, Panama City, FL 32401, (850) 769-1551 or Florida State University, 4750 Collegiate Dr., Panama City, FL 32402.

### **American Red Cross**

The American Red Cross station at Tyndall provides 24-hour emergency communication service, health and welfare information referrals and contact for emergency financial assistance for military members and their families.

Courses in first aid, CPR, baby-sitting, swimming and other areas of health and safety are available through the office. The Red Cross actively recruits and trains volunteers to work in the wards, clinics and pharmacy at the base hospital and other areas of Tyndall.

Individuals needing Red Cross assistance or wanting to serve the Tyndall community as Red Cross volunteers may call the office at (850) 283-2770, DSN 523-2770 or come by Building 1464, from 7:30-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For emergencies during non-duty hours call the answering service at (850) 784-4004 and a duty worker will return your call.

### **Legal Services**

An important service the legal office provides to new arrivals is processing claims for personal property damage sustained during permanent change of station moves. Those who wish to file a claim should attend the claims briefing conducted weekly. Contact the claims section at (850) 283-3271 to find out when the briefings will begin. Claim forms will be distributed during the briefing. Completed claims forms may be turned in at the legal office. Call the office for the specific times those forms may be turned in.

The Tyndall Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is the focal point for all base legal activities. Primarily, this involves advice and action on military justice matters and adverse military and civilian personnel matters. Adjudication and investigation of claims for and against the government and research and advice on a variety of other topics, such as environmental and contract law, are also handled in this office.

Located in Building 662, Suite 110, attorneys on the staff can be seen on a time-available basis to provide advice and assistance to individual military personnel, active and retired and their dependents. Legal assistance is available Monday, Tuesday and Friday by appointment only. On Wednesday, walk-in legal assistance is provided to active duty military and their dependents. Call (850) 283-4681 to schedule an appointment or to check on the specific times when services are available.

Legal assistance includes advice on domestic relations, adoption, real property, leases, taxation, creditor's rights, wills, estates, powers of attorney, bills of sale and numerous other matters of a personal civil legal nature. Some legal services requested are beyond the scope of the legal assistance program and may be referred to a civilian attorney.

Notary service and powers of attorney may be obtained between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. Clients desiring wills are encouraged to pick up and complete

a will worksheet prior to the day they wish to speak to an attorney about their will. Will signing times will be scheduled throughout the week after the first consolation with an attorney. The attorney will advise you during that first meeting when your will may be executed and picked up.

### **The Travel Company**

The Travel Company is a full-service ticket office representing all commercial air carriers and arranging travel needs worldwide. The travel office is located in Building 542; the hours of operations are 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call (850) 283-3177.

### **Information, Tickets and Tours**

Information, Tickets and Tours, located in Building 5013, sells specially priced tickets to such attractions as Disney World, Sea World and Universal Studios and other attractions in the Orlando area, and Busch Gardens in the Tampa area. Watch for advertised tours to historic Florida sites, Bellingrath Gardens and outlet malls. Buy discount tickets for local movie theaters and other local attractions. For more information, call (850) 283-2499.

### **The Chapel Community**

“Caring People of Faith” make up a dynamic chapel community committed to supporting each individual’s spiritual growth and development. At Tyndall, the chapel sees the diverse backgrounds and experiences of its staff and lay people to be an invaluable asset in serving base personnel. From musicals to outdoor adventures, from couples’ retreats to singles’ celebrations, the chapel community is reaching out to appeal to a wide range of tastes and interests.

In line with its desire to appeal to a broad range of religious interests, the chapel community has made a serious commitment to adult growth and learning - offering lively Bible studies, sharing and discussion groups, prayer fellowships, retreat opportunities, women’s and men’s studies, marriage enrichment courses, Catholic Bible classes and much more. The spiritual and positive social development of young people is also of high interest, and both Sunday school and Christian Formation flourish here. The Chapel Kids Club and Youth ministries regularly meet for age-appropriate activities and fun together. Opportunities to use ministry gifts in the service both on and off-base are provided.

Christian worship services are Biblical, upbeat, relevant and vibrant in faith. These services take place in two chapels on base. Chapel 1 faces Flag Park, near the Illinois Gate and Chapel 2, which is the central chapel, is located on Suwannee Road across from billeting. Sunday school and Christian Formation classes meet in Chapel 2. The Islamic Worship and Prayer rooms are located in Building 842, facing Mississippi Avenue, across from Burger King.

### **Basic schedule of services:**

#### **Protestant**

- Communion Service: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Chapel 1
- United Protestant Service: 11 a.m. Sunday, Chapel 2
- Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Chapel 2

#### **Catholic**

- Daily Mass: noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, Chapel 2

- Mass: noon Thursday, Spiritual Maintenance, Building 532, (flight line)
- Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Chapel 2
- Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday, Chapel 2
- Christian Formation: 10:40 a.m. Sunday (September-May), Chapel 2
- Holy Days: contact the Chapel, (850) 283-2925

### **Spiritual Maintenance, Building 532, (flight line), 283-2367**

The ministries of the Chaplain Service team extend well beyond the two chapel walls to a vibrant flight line “Spiritual Maintenance Center” located in Building 532. The chapel community has close cooperation with on- and off-base people-helping services, and active involvement with squadron and unit life throughout Tyndall. Chaplain counseling services are extensive and confidential.

For information on off-base churches and opportunities for Eastern Orthodox, Islamic, Jewish, Moslem, Buddhist and other faith groups, call (850) 283-2925.

### **Family Support Center**

The 325<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron Family Support Center, a one-stop shop, offers a wide range of services and programs dealing with the concerns and needs of today’s military family. The FSC is staffed with dedicated and trained personnel, both professional and volunteer; who act as base level advocates for single and married active-duty members, retirees and their dependents and base civilian employees. The center is located in Building 745, directly across from the base post office. Staff members can be reached at (850) 283-4204.

Also located in Building 745, is the Relocation Center. Relocation staff members can be reached at (850) 283-4909. Whether you are new to Tyndall or preparing for your next assignment, the Family Support Relocation Center provides individualized assistance for every step of your permanent change-of-station or temporary duty assignment. This center provides consultation and information on the local area and on DOD installations worldwide. Household items are available for loan until your household goods shipments arrive. The Airman’s Attic provides items free of charge to members E-4 and below who are establishing a home. Be sure one of your first stops is the Tyndall Family Support Relocation Center.

Under the patronage of the FSC is the Air Force Aid Society providing no-interest loans and, in special circumstances, grants for a variety of emergency situations. AFAS also provides educational grants and loans, financial assistance with medical equipment, Respite Care and Give Parents a Break Programs which provide families relief from day-to-day stress. Completing the service-oriented atmosphere of the FSC is the office of the Personal Financial Management Counselor, providing financial counseling, financial information, consumer education workshops and promoting sound money management principles. The Non-Profit Consumer Credit Counseling Service offers in-depth financial counseling and debt-restructuring plans to clients. The FSC now offers a full range of financial services from the Personal Financial Management Program, Consumer Credit Counseling Service and the Air Force Aid Society.

Other specialized programs and services offered by the FSC are: Family Life and Readiness programs helping single, married members and their families strengthen relationships and better prepare them to cope with the realities of deployment; Career Focus Program, a spouse

employment assistance program, helping spouses enhance their marketability by developing their skills and techniques for a successful job search; Volunteer Resource Program, the military community's resource for base-wide volunteer activity, offering volunteers an opportunity to acquire skills that will enhance their personal and professional development; and through workshops, seminars and individual counseling, the Transition Assistance Program helps separating or retiring members, their spouses and civilians acquire the skills and knowledge to make a successful transition to another career or retirement.

### **Equal Opportunity**

Every individual must be able to work in an environment free of discrimination. It is the policy of the government of the United States, the Air Force and Tyndall Air Force Base, to provide equal opportunity in employment for all persons, to prohibit discrimination in employment because of age, color, disability (mental or physical), national origin, race, religion, sex and to promote the full realization of equal employment through a continuing affirmative program in each agency. Tyndall's leadership continues to ensure that no person shall be subject to retaliation for opposing any practice made unlawful by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Equal Pay Act or the Rehabilitation Act.

The Equal Opportunity Offices, located in Building 622, are strongly committed to supporting the Air Force policy on sexual harassment and discrimination at Tyndall.

The Equal Opportunity office facilitates the federal equal employment opportunity complaint process and provides alternate dispute resolution as a means of resolving complaints. Tyndall provides EEO for all civilian individuals covered, and prohibits discrimination as described under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The Military Equal Opportunity and Treatment office clarifies complaints for military members, their families and retirees. In addition, they provide mediation services, offer a variety of classes in human relations education, conduct unit climate assessments within each organization, solicit project officers for DOD sanctioned observances and assist commanders with their EOT programs.

Everyone must be proactive in preventing discrimination. You don't have to be the focus of sexual harassment or discrimination to speak out against it. Take the lead in ensuring equal treatment for all people regardless of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age or disability. If you have any questions, call the EEO Counselor, (850) 283-4319 (for civilians) or the EOT staff, (850) 283-2739 (for military).

### **Mall/AAFES Services**

Tyndall's mall complex in Building 950 includes the commissary and the main exchange. It also houses a food court that includes Anthony's Pizza, Frank's Franks, Wok Works and a TCBY yogurt shop.

Other services available include a barbershop, beauty shop, optical shop, specialty shop, flower shop and a cellular phone shop.

The Military Clothing Sales store is located in Building 1506 along with the Class VI, shoppette and video rental. For more information, call (850) 283-4342.

The laundry, dry cleaner and alteration shops are located in Building 824, across the street from the service station.

The service station is in Building 968 and has service bays for oil and tire changes or battery installation. For more information, call (850) 286-5826.

The Shoal Point Shoppette is located off U.S. Highway 98, adjacent to the DuPont Bridge. A small shoppette is also located in the Cove Gardens housing area. The newest shoppette has been built near the new Felix Lake housing area.

First-run movies are shown in the base theater, located next to the main gate.

Burger King is located in Building 960, next to the community mall.

Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES, <http://www.aafes.com>).

### **Berg-Liles Dining Facility**

The Berg-Liles Dining Facility, Building 1690, provides authorized personnel nutritional meals in a pleasant setting with a fantastic view of the Gulf of Mexico. Breakfast, lunch and dinner feature weekly ethnic and daily healthy heart menus. It also offers a midnight meal. For more information, call (850) 283-2377.

### **Eagle Quick-Turn Expanded Flight Kitchen**

Eagle Quick-Turn is located on the flight line in Building 153, by the Aero Club. This facility serves authorized personnel flight and ground support meals Monday through Friday with stand-by duty on holidays and weekends. Call (850) 283-4345.

### **Library**

The library offers complete, modern library services and resources to the Tyndall community. The staff works with other base agencies to support mission, education, career development and productive use of leisure time for improved quality of life.

Reference services include CD ROM research work stations, indexes, testing preparation and extensive inter-library loan capability. Customer-use computers, typewriters, microfiche readers, printers and a copy machine assist people in collecting information. Popular resources include best-seller books, books-on-cassette, CD music, test preparations guides, aviation and military history collections, entertainment and informational videos, periodicals and newspapers. The library is a primary source of career and employment information—national job vacancies, resume' writing books and interview tips and Air Force Quality materials.

School age children from first through sixth grade participate in a "Reader of the Week" program. It encourages reading and regular visits to the library while providing fun activities for school-age youth in the community. When summer rolls around, we offer a special children's reading program. Children may call a special "Dial a Story Line" at 283-3333 to hear a short folk tale or animal story.

Book displays within the library highlight various topics, including other base activities. The library is located in Building 916 by the bowling center. For more information, call (850) 283-4287.

### **Skills Development Center**

The Skills Development Center features custom and do-it-yourself picture framing, ceramics, arts and crafts, woodworking, computer engraving, and printing on metal, T-shirts, hats and mugs. Activities are located in Building 934, (850) 283-4511. Instructors offer classes in such hobby crafts as stained glass, T-shirt fabric painting, oil painting, pottery and framing.

The automotive hobby shop has car lifts, welding rooms and a paint booth. Tools for foreign and domestic automobiles are in stock. On duty attendants will assist you in locating tools and parts. There is a small user's fee for this facility.

A variety of equipment is located in the woodworking shop for projects such as finished cabinet work. Equipment includes small and large table saws, planes, joiners, lathes, radial arm saws, belt and disc sanders and a wide range of hand-operated power tools. All are available to certified users for a small shop fee. For more information, call 283-4543.

The frame shop staff offers custom framing, frame classes and self-help framing guidance. For more information, call (850) 283-4597.

### **Veterinary Clinic**

The veterinary clinic, operated by the Army, provides care for pets of active duty and retired military families. An experienced veterinarian offers diagnostic tests including heartworm, fecal checks and feline leukemia. The clinic gives vaccinations, sells flea control products and heartworm preventatives, and sees pets for minor health problems on an appointment basis.

If you own a pet and live in a base housing area, including Cove Gardens, remember to register your pet with the Tyndall Veterinary Clinic within five working days of the pet's arrival. You must have proof of a rabies vaccination that is less than one year old.

Individuals who want to board horses at the base stable must coordinate with Bonita Bay prior to completing paperwork at the veterinary clinic.

For more information or to schedule appointments, call (850) 283-2434.

### **Child Development Center**

The Tyndall Child Development Center is the child's home away from home. The goal of the center is to provide the highest quality program possible by providing a safe, nurturing environment that promotes the physical, social, emotional and cognitive development of our children. The CDC is fully accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, DOD certified and meals are USDA approved.

Children are grouped according to chronological age or developmental stage. The curriculum is developmentally appropriate, multi-cultural, anti-biased and based on the understanding that each child is unique with his or her own set of needs and agendas. The physical environment is arranged in a manner to encourage play, with separate interest centers to encourage creative thinking, social interaction and problem-solving activities. Centers include housekeeping, block building, science, arts and crafts, music, water play and various table games. Meals served at the CDC exceed the USDA program requirements.

Weekly, as well as hourly, care is offered for children 6-weeks-old through school age. An enrichment program is offered for 3- and 4-year-olds.

Hourly care is available for parents with hospital appointments. Parents should call the CDC for reservations prior to their appointment to ensure care. Parents with medical emergencies

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Weekly, as well as hourly, care is offered for children 6-weeks-old through five years. An enrichment program is offered for 3- and 4-year-olds. Hourly care is available for parents with hospital appointments. Parents should call the CDC for reservations prior to their appointment to ensure care. Parents with medical emergencies may drop off their children anytime during regular operating hours on a space available basis. The center is located in Building 1410, (850) 283-4747.

## **Family Child Care**

Air Force Family Child Care is the care of a child in the home of an on base licensed or off base affiliated provider. FCC provides an alternative to child development center care for families with children from two weeks to 12 years of age that need regular care, evening care; weekend care; care for children with special needs, infants, and school-age children; and care during swing and midnight shifts. To support the military mission, providers offer a variety of care packages including hourly, part day, and full time hours. FCC promotes children's safety, health, and well being through ongoing training and monitoring of providers. Operating a FCC home is a privilege granted by the 325<sup>th</sup> Support Group commander to persons who have satisfactorily completed training requirements, home inspections, and agency screenings. Licenses reflect the type of home, provisional (new), standard, developmental, or accredited

In partnership with Air Force Family Support FCC providers Child Care for families who are moving PCS. The base Family Support Center Relocation staff issues certificates for those in the rank of staff sergeant and below. Certificates for up to twenty hours of free child care are good within thirty days of PCS (authorized at departure and new base where available). Child care will be provided in on base licensed Family Child Care homes.

A current list of FCC providers is available through the Family Child Care Office, Building 1127, (850) 283 2266 or e-mail SMTP:325sv.svyd@tyndall.af.mil.

### **School-Age Program**

A before and after school structured program is offered for children from kindergarten to age 12, Monday through Friday at the Youth Center. Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children the program provides age-appropriate care in a safe, alternative to being a "latch-key kid." Children are transported to and from Tyndall Elementary School by a youth center vehicle or a Bay County School bus. Fees are based on total family income and change once a year.

Children are encouraged to participate in planning by providing their own activity ideas, which are incorporated into lesson plans. Activities may include: cooking, computer play, homework, cooperative play projects, arts and crafts, science projects, outdoor play, and sports.

Children are provided nutritious, well-balanced snacks and meals approved by the USDA and the base dietician.

When school is not in session, special "camp-like" programs feature service projects and field trips.

Information about fees, registration, hours of operation, and the parent advisory board is available at the Tyndall Youth Center, Building 3223 on Sabre Drive in the Wood Manor housing area. Call (850) 283-4366 for more information.

### **Wing Units**

#### **325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing History**

The current chapter of the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing's history began July 1, 1981, when it was activated at Tyndall, as the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Weapons Wing. The wing enriched its heritage by adopting the emblem, awards and history of the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group "Checkertail Clan" of World War II fame.

The 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group was activated Aug. 3, 1942, at Mitchell Field, N.Y., and trained with P-40s. It entered combat with the 12<sup>th</sup> Air Force in North Africa April 17, 1943. From its bases in Algeria and Tunisia, the group escorted medium bombers, flew strafing missions and made sweeps over the Mediterranean Sea. The group received its first Distinguished Unit Citation for action over Sardinia on July 30, 1943.

From late September to December 1943, the group retrained in P-47 Thunderbolt fighters and moved to Italy. It was escorting 15<sup>th</sup> Air Force's heavy bombers over strategic targets in Italy, France, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary, Romania and Yugoslavia. Using one of the most clever tricks of the air war, the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group won a second Distinguished Unit Citation for its surprise attack on the German airfields near Villaorba, Germany, Jan. 30, 1944.

In May 1944, the group replaced its Thunderbolts with P-51 Mustangs, which it flew until the end of the war. By then, the 325<sup>th</sup>'s motto—"Locare et Liquidare," (Locate and Liquidate) -- had earned the respect of both Allies and Germans alike.

Returning to the United States after the war, the 325<sup>th</sup> was inactivated Oct. 28, 1945. This proved to be a temporary arrangement as the group reactivated May 21, 1947, as the 325<sup>th</sup>

Fighter Group (All Weather), and was equipped with F-61s. The group received F-82s in 1947 and F-94s in 1950.

The wing first appeared June 9, 1948, when the Air Force activated the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, All Weather, at Hamilton AFB, Calif., with the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group assigned. The 4<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron, flying C-54s, was also attached to the Wing. From May 6, 1950, to June 8, 1951. The wing provided training for elements of a troop carrier wing. On Jan. 20, 1950, the wing was redesignated as the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter-All Weather Wing, only to be renamed the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter-Interceptor Wing, May 1, 1951, and again, inactivated on Feb. 6, 1952.

As before, this inactivation did not last long because the Air Defense Command decided to create a wing organization at McChord AFB, Wash. The Air Defense Command redesignated and reactivated the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing (Air Defense), Oct. 18, 1956. Its tactical units, the 317<sup>th</sup>, 318<sup>th</sup> and 498<sup>th</sup> Fighter-Interceptor Squadrons, were equipped with F-86 Sabre jets. However, They soon traded their Sabre jets for delta-winged, all-weather F-102A interceptors. In August 1957, the 317<sup>th</sup> Fighter-Interceptor Squadron was reassigned to the Alaskan Air Command, and the wing inactivated March 25, 1960. Meanwhile, the wing's remaining units transitioned to the F-106 Delta Dart. From February to July 1968, the wing kept a large detachment at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, to provide air defense. On July 1, 1968, the Air Force inactivated the wing.

The wing's recent history began July 1, 1981, when the Tactical Air Command reactivated it as the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Weapons Wing at Tyndall AFB, and assigned it to the United States Air Force Air Defense Weapons Center. Flying F-106 and T-33 aircraft, the 325<sup>th</sup> accomplished the operations, test and evaluation and maintenance portions of the weapons center's mission, which was directly related to combat readiness training for air defense.

On Oct. 15, 1983, it was redesignated the 325<sup>th</sup> Tactical Training Wing, and assumed its air superiority training responsibilities as part of the USAF Defense Weapons Center. On Dec. 7, 1983, the wing's first F-15 aircraft touched down on Tyndall's runway. By 1989, the wing had replaced its T-33 aircraft with a fleet of F-15s.

The wing's structure remained relatively stable until the fall of 1991, when a massive reorganization took place, under the direction and authority of Headquarters, Tactical Air Command and the Air Force Chief of Staff. This reorganization redesignated the wing as the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing and activated its predecessor group, with the designation of the 325<sup>th</sup> Operations Group.

There were four general highlights of the reorganization. First, the wing reorganized into a four-group structure, which included medical, logistics, support and operations group, all of which reported directly to the wing. Second, the USAF Air Defense Weapons Center was inactivated. This contributed to the third highlight, the assumption of host unit responsibilities on Tyndall by the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. Finally, on June 1, 1992, the Tactical Air Command inactivated. On that day, the wing was assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Air Force and the newly created Air Combat Command.

One year later, the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing found itself changing major commands again. The wing transferred to the Air Education and Training Command, July 1, 1993. This move signaled a heightened emphasis on the wing's training mission and a more streamlined approach to training. At this time, the wing asked 19<sup>th</sup> Air Force to realign the air weapons controller

training to the wing. On April 1, 1994, the air weapons controller training transferred to the wing. In September 1994, the wing gained four new squadrons, all in the medical community. The Air Force activated the 325<sup>th</sup> Aerospace Medicine, 325<sup>th</sup> Medical Support, 325<sup>th</sup> Dental Squadron and 325<sup>th</sup> Medical Operations Squadron. In 2000, the 325<sup>th</sup> AMDS and 325<sup>th</sup> DS merged to form the 325<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical-Dental Squadron.

Accompanying the shift in organization was a shift in leadership style. The incorporation of Total Quality leadership at the wing has empowered personnel at all levels to seek smarter ways of meeting mission requirements. As the men and women of the wing have been educated in this new approach, performance indicators have risen, enabling the wing to aggressively meet the challenges of the future.

### **325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing**

The host unit at Tyndall is the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, a subordinate unit of 19<sup>th</sup> Air Force and the Air Education and Training Command.

Wing headquarters is located in Building 662. The wing provides command guidance and operational control of the 325<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, 325<sup>th</sup> Logistics Group, 325<sup>th</sup> Medical Group and 325<sup>th</sup> Support Group and is directly responsible for several functional areas.

### **Senior Enlisted Advisor**

The Senior Enlisted Advisor is the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing commander's representative in all enlisted activities or issues. The SEA's office is located in wing headquarters, Building 662, (850) 283-2688.

### **Protocol**

The Protocol staff provides executive support to the wing and associate unit commanders on matters concerning protocol and coordinates the activities of U.S. and foreign military and civilian dignitaries who visit Tyndall. This office is located in wing headquarters, Building 662, (850) 283-2800.

### **Inspector General**

The Inspector General is located in Building 622. The IG manages the Air Force Inspector General Complaints Program and Fraud, Waste and Abuse Prevention Program at Tyndall. The hot line number for this program is 283-4646. The IG investigates and determines disposition of complaints and disclosures by ensuring unbiased, comprehensive collection of evidence to provide logical, fact-based conclusions and appropriate corrective actions on substantiated allegations. The IG also identifies adverse trends to installation, subordinate and associate unit commanders.

Complaints and disclosures to the IG are privileged communications and may be made without fear of intimidation or retribution. Personnel who believe they have been treated unfairly or have knowledge of fraud, waste and abuse should report the problem to their chain of command, contact the IG or call the 24-hour hot line, (850) 283-4646.

### **Conference Center**

Located near the Tyndall Officer's Club, Building 1444, it is a fully equipped conference center with two meeting rooms. To make reservations, call (850) 283-4084.

### **Historian**

The wing historian documents historical activities of the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing at Tyndall and provides a historical reference service. The history office is located in Building 662, (850) 283-2874.

### **Chaplain**

The chaplain service team is dedicated to providing outstanding opportunities for religious expression, spiritual development and emotional wellness to each individual and family assigned to Tyndall. For more information, see the Facilities and Services section or call (850) 283-2925.

### **Manpower and Organization**

The 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Manpower and Organization office mission is to provide Team Tyndall with the manpower and quality services to support the world's best air superiority team. Personnel assigned to MO provide diverse services focused on the effective and efficient accomplishment of our customers' mission.

Areas MO provides consultations, services and/or products include: organizational structure, unit manpower documents, manpower standards, support agreements, wartime requirements to encompass MANPER-B, mobility requirements, READY program, commercial activities, Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program and performance improvement to include partnering, conflict management, mediation, organizational assessment, mission essential task list, strategic planning, benchmarking, reengineering, role clarification, change management and change of command transition. Offices are located in Building 662, Room 247-249, (850) 283-8277.

### **Wing Operations Center**

The 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Operations Center is located in Building 219 and is comprised of the command post, (850) 283-2155; and the maintenance operations center, (850) 283-2340. The collective center is responsible for the overall management and supervision of operations and maintenance activities at Tyndall.

Command post controllers act as a liaison for the wing commander, the base populace and TDY units in whatever capacity required. Controllers implement the recall of base personnel when required, provide guidance for the battle staff (when in session) and act as an interface between the wing and higher headquarters for emergency actions matters. Controllers launch alert aircraft on air sovereignty missions and keep the wing commander informed on all aspects of the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing flying program.

The maintenance operations center staff coordinators track the maintenance status of wing aircraft and monitor the daily flying schedule. Coordinators collate all aircraft maintenance and flying actions, produce a daily status report and distribute the finished product to wing agencies and higher headquarters. During contingencies, coordinators are responsible for notifying key

maintenance personnel of emergency action directives, monitoring and supervising aircraft generation actions and providing current guidance to the battle staff, when in session.

### **Public Affairs**

Public Affairs is located in Building 662, Room 129, and is the focal point for all information concerning Tyndall people and activities. The staff provides many services such as providing speakers for civic organizations, publishing the weekly newspaper *Gulf Defender*, conducting the Hometown News Release Program, managing the base information channel TV-12, publishing the *Tyndall Base Guide*, clearing information for the Tyndall Web Page and escorting most news media while on base. For more information, call (850) 283-2983.

Three tenant units at Tyndall have their own public affairs support. First Air Force public affairs is located in Building 647, (850) 283-8657. The Air Force Civil Engineering Support Agency public affairs is located in Building 1120, (850) 283-6264. Public affairs support for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Weapons Evaluation Group is located at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., (850) 882-3435. Public affairs support for the Air Force Research laboratory is provided by the Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, (937) 255-2725.

### **Wing Plans**

The 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Plans staff ensures the readiness and effectiveness of the wing and associate units by preparing contingency plans and managing wing exercises, deployment, support agreements and self-inspection programs. The staff acts as the interface between base agencies and higher headquarters in all matters concerning planning, deployments, exercises and inspections.

### **Safety Office**

The 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Safety Office staff is responsible for the installation safety program, which includes flight, weapons and ground safety. The staff also conducts base safety education courses. For more information, call (850) 283-4231.

### **325<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Flight**

The 325<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Flight, located in Building 662, consists of two sections, financial services and financial analysis. Newcomers to the base deal primarily with financial services, either military pay, travel pay or accounting liaison.

The military pay and travel pay elements provide service to active duty and retired military members. While civil service employees are paid through the Pensacola office of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, a civilian pay liaison representative is assigned to the financial services accounting liaison element to assist civilian employees with pay and leave issues. The accounting liaison controls and certifies the availability of appropriated funds for wing and tenant units and serves as a liaison between base organizations and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service's operating location in Orlando, Fla., which is responsible for payments to commercial vendors for all types of supplies and services necessary to keep the base operating efficiently.

The other comptroller section, financial analysis, is responsible for financial planning and budget execution for most Tyndall organizations. They also perform various types of analytical studies to facilitate effective use of resources at all levels. The nonappropriated funds financial analyst is assigned to this section to provide financial oversight for non-appropriated fund activities on the base.

### **325<sup>th</sup> Operations Group**

The 325<sup>th</sup> Operations Group is the focal point for all F-15 pilot training and air weapons director/air battle manager training. The group consists of three fighter squadrons, an air weapons director/air battle manager training squadron and an operations support squadron.

The group staff provides guidance and assistance in successfully executing the training mission and ensures quality performance and standardized procedures for pilots, air weapons directors/air battle managers, aircraft maintenance personnel, weapons load crews and air traffic controllers.

### **Flying Squadrons**

The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadrons provide initial F-15 qualification training for pilots, in addition to conversion and recurrence checkouts. Each squadron is separated into an operations, maintenance and support section.

Operations personnel plan, schedule and provide instruction to students who arrive directly from undergraduate flying training, pilots in transition from another weapons system or tenured F-15 pilots who have been selected to be F-15 instructor pilots.

Maintenance personnel service and prepare the “Eagles” for flight. They also trouble-shoot all mechanical problems that could prevent the aircraft from sustaining the mission.

The support section is made up of several smaller sections which manage unit funds, equipment, facilities and other resources; ensure timely personnel and administrative actions; and provide other support activities and programs for all squadron members.

The F-22 Integration Office is located in Building 585, (850) 283-2261.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Fighter Squadron**

The history of the “Fightin’ Furies” is long and honorable. Constituted as the 1<sup>st</sup> Fighter Squadron on Oct. 5, 1944 and activated as part of the 413<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group on Oct. 15, 1945. During World War II, the squadron flew P-47s. On an island near Okinawa the 1<sup>st</sup> launched P-47 Thunderbolts against the Japanese, amassing almost 1,200 combat air patrol, bombing, strafing and escort missions. It was during this era, the squadron adopted its world-renowned emblem, “Miss Fury.”

The 1<sup>st</sup> Fighter Squadron was redesignated as the 1<sup>st</sup> Fighter-Day Squadron on Aug. 26, 1954 and activated as part of the 413<sup>th</sup> Fighter-Day Wing on Nov. 11, 1954. Then, on July 1, 1958, the squadron was subsequently named the 1<sup>st</sup> Tactical Fighter Training Squadron as part of the 413<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing. During this time, the squadron trained numerous fighter pilots, in F-86s from 1954-1956 and F-100s from 1956-1959. The 1<sup>st</sup> Tactical Fighting Training Squadron operated out of George AFB, Calif., until it was again deactivated on March 15, 1959 with Lt. Col. Charles E. “Chuck” Yeager as commander.

On Jan. 1, 1984, the squadron was reactivated as the 1<sup>st</sup> Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, part of the 325<sup>th</sup> Tactical Training Wing at Tyndall. The 1<sup>st</sup> TFTS was activated in order to train fighter pilots in the world's finest air superiority aircraft, the McDonnell Douglas F-15 "Eagle."

On Sept. 17, 1991, due to a major Air Force reorganization, the operations and maintenance functions of the 1<sup>st</sup> formed one combined squadron. Thus the squadron was renamed the 1<sup>st</sup> Fighter Squadron.

The 1<sup>st</sup> FS is proud of its long, distinguished heritage and traditions, which have been upheld in defense of American freedom and ideals.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Squadron**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Squadron, known as the "Horney Horses," began its long and distinguished history in January 1941 when it was activated as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pursuit Squadron. In 1942, the squadron was redesignated as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Squadron, and unofficially called the American Beagle Squadron. In the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, the squadron flew the Supermarine Spitfire MkIV and the North American P-51 Mustang, producing 11 fighter aces and achieving 183.33 aerial victories, the last which was a German jet bomber. During the Cold War the 2<sup>nd</sup> flew a number of interceptor aircraft until transitioning to the McDonnell Douglas F-15 in 1984. In Operation DESERT STORM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Squadron graduates accounted for 11 of 35 aerial victories. True testimonies to the level of training student pilots receive at Tyndall. Tasked with producing the finest air superiority pilots in the world, the 2<sup>nd</sup> FS carries on its proud heritage of being "Second to None."

During May 1984, the squadron became the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tactical Fighter Training Squadron and in 1991, was redesignated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Squadron. Today, the 2<sup>nd</sup> FS "Horney Horses" fly the F-15 Eagle and are charged with providing near mission ready F-15 pilots for worldwide assignment. A rich heritage and the present air superiority training mission make this fighter squadron truly "Second to None."

## **95<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron**

Known proudly as the "Boneheads," the squadron's venerable history began in 1942. The squadron first saw service flying the original twin-tailed fighter, the P-38 Lightning. The 95<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron finished the war with more than 400 kills, including 199 aerial victories. During the post-war period, the 95<sup>th</sup> flew many aircraft in several different commands. The present squadron was activated at Tyndall on Aug. 15, 1974, as the 95<sup>th</sup> Interceptor Training Squadron, redesignated the 95<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Training Squadron on April 1, 1974, and finally the 95<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron on Nov. 1, 1991. "Mr. Bones" is pictured on the unit patch.

## **325<sup>th</sup> Training Squadron**

The oldest resident of Tyndall is the 325<sup>th</sup> Training Squadron. The TRS was established as the Air Tactical School on Dec. 5, 1947. Despite numerous changes in the title and reporting chain, the squadron has preserved and polished its mission over the past 50 years. The Training Squadron has developed into the single source for all U.S. Air Force air battle managers, weapons directors and Joint Surveillance System technicians for the Air Force and Air National

Guard. More than 350 students pass through the halls of the training squadron every year, completing a variety of courses.

To accomplish its mission the 325<sup>th</sup> TRS is divided into two directorates. The Battle Management Directorate is where the principles of command and control are taught to entry-level officers. These air battle manager officers go through a 160-training day, group-lockstep course focusing on all aspects of C2. Training consists of a rigorous combination of intense academics and hands-on experience using the modular control system. Students begin their training with an introduction to Air Force war fighting doctrine and C2 theory. Building on this foundation, the students move into the C2 warfare portion of the course, which focuses on radar theory and electronic warfare principles. A substantial emphasis is also placed on planning employment, establishing and maintaining data links and learning the theater Air Control System.

Prior to graduation, the ABM student will also receive a healthy dose of Joint Service exposure to improve their interoperability. The course culminates with theater scale Air Operations Center exercises focusing on big picture planning and execution. The final project completed by the students consists of a Theater Air Control System exercise that is briefed to a panel of distinguished visitors. Graduates from the ABM course may go on to airborne assignments in Airborne and Control System or Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System squadrons. Many will go to ground mobile assignments around the world or be assigned to Air Defense sites in Alaska, Iceland or Korea.

The Battle Management Directorate also encompasses a wide range of shorter related training courses. It is responsible for the 40-day International Air Weapons Controller Course and 15-day Theater Air Operations Course. These two courses are taught to weapons directors and battle managers from 44 different nations around the world as part of the Security Assistance Training Program. Finally, the directorate also supports three enlisted technical courses. The first technical course is entry-level training for enlisted personnel in aerospace control and warning operations. The other two are 3- and 5-level computer maintenance courses taught on the Joint Surveillance System equipment. These courses are taught at the Southeast Sector Operations Control Center using demanding laboratory and academic standards.

The second of the squadron's directorates is the Weapons Controller Directorate. This directorate teaches the traditional weapons controlling functions using both simulation and live control of aircraft. With the conversion of this skill from an officer to enlisted specialty, the directorate concentrates on three enlisted weapons courses. The three courses are alike in that they also use the group-lockstep approach, but are distinct in that students are taught on different equipment—the same equipment they will use at their first duty assignment after graduation. Students will use the Modular Control System, Joint Surveillance System or AWACS Modeling and Simulation System equipment in learning to control aircraft during combat, air defense and refueling operations. As mentioned previously, all ABM students also learn to control live aircraft on the MCS equipment since they will still perform as controllers before becoming supervisors of a weapons team. Upon graduation, weapons directors may be assigned worldwide to ground motile units, JSS sites or AWACS units.

The live training is supported with F-15s from the 325<sup>th</sup> FW and Mitsubishi MU-2 turboprop aircraft from the SENTEL Corporation. Despite the busy schedule, the squadron's

instructors and students also provide the 325<sup>th</sup> FW and Eglin AFB with live ground controlled intercepts. Finally, the Weapons Directorate also instructs the Air Combat Command Counter Air Tactics Awareness Training Course. This graduate level course is for experienced weapons directors to hone their skills with advanced weapons and tactics training.

The 325<sup>th</sup> TRS staff continues to proudly execute its mission of training students for worldwide command and control operations in today's dynamic environment. A tradition of excellence for more than 50 years.

### **325<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron**

The "Silver Knights" of the 325<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron are responsible for all operational support of the three fighter squadrons to include weapons and training, airfield operations, weather support, intelligence activities, maintenance analysis, and current operations.

The Weapons and Training Flight coordinates operations training and readiness for the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing to include: F-15 formal training courses; weapons controller liaison; flight, ground, egress, life support and water survival training; weapons and tactics, air combat maneuvering instrumentation facility and range; air space management and pilot training documentation and reporting.

Flight personnel also maintain responsibility for the F-15 full mission trainers, F-15 syllabus and courseware development and perform all platform academic instruction in support of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadrons' flying training programs.

The Airfield Operations Flight oversees the busiest air traffic control complex in AETC and the third busiest in the Air Force, conducting more than 280,000 operations annually while administering one of only two United States Air Force Air Traffic Control Officer Upgrade Programs.

Mission monitoring service is provided to more than 6,000 fighter air-to-air intercept training missions annually. Air traffic control facility personnel are responsible for providing air traffic services for Panama City International Airport and 11 other satellite airports. Base operations personnel process more than 30,000 flight plans annually and are the focal point for all transient aircraft services.

The Weather Flight provides operational and staff weather support to the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Headquarters 1<sup>st</sup> Air Force, Southeast Air Defense Sector, 475<sup>th</sup> Weapons Evaluation Group and other Tyndall units, and various geographically separated Air National Guard and naval flying units. Flight personnel also plan and establish environmental support for the air defense, aircraft training, and weapons evaluation missions.

The Intelligence Flight directs all intelligence activities for the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing and subordinate units to include current intelligence/threat briefings and studies, extensive aircrew/weapons controller academic training, air defense mission and exercise support and intelligence personnel training.

Flight personnel also provide intelligence support and resources to visiting tactical units. In addition, the intelligence flight directs all aspects of the F-15C Top Off Intelligence Course, a five-week program designed to teach intelligence personnel assigned to F-15C units about the unique aspects of supporting the air superiority mission.

The Maintenance Flight develops maintenance policies and programs for the 325<sup>th</sup> Operations Group. Flight personnel are responsible for 325<sup>th</sup> OG maintenance production activities, involving 850 personnel in three fighter squadrons, and for analysis and maintenance of operational and logistical data.

The Current Operations Flight is responsible for the daily scheduling of flying sorties and airspace for all regional users of Tyndall air-to-air ranges. The staff also coordinates procedures between 1<sup>st</sup> AF, FAA and other MAJCOMs to assure orderly and safe use of 15,000 square miles of airspace and manages the supervisor of the flying program. Flight personnel also maintain the aircraft hurricane evacuation plan and when necessary, coordinate the evacuation of base aircraft. Finally, they manage the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing flying-hour program.

### **325<sup>th</sup> Logistics Group**

The 325<sup>th</sup> Logistics Group is responsible for total logistics support for the wing flying mission and 16 associate units. It integrates contractor operated off-equipment aircraft maintenance activities, transportation, supply, fuels support along side military-manned intermediate avionics, propulsion and munitions functions. The group consists of three squadrons, 310 personnel, a payroll of more than \$4 million and an annual operating budget of \$75 million. Contractor operations employ more than 380 people performing intermediate maintenance on the wing's permanently stationed F-15C/D aircraft, managing a \$105 million supply account and 840 government vehicles. The 325<sup>th</sup> Logistics Group monitors the contract logistics operations through its functional area chiefs and quality assurance evaluators. The group commander's support staff consists of administrative support, the chief enlisted manager, Air Force Engineering Technical Services and Quality Assurance Office.

The Quality Assurance Office is responsible for the daily activities of the Gold Way Element, an Air Force-wide directed program chartered exclusively to find better ways of doing business with emphasis on cost avoidance and a "repair" versus "buy brand new" philosophy for aircraft parts and equipment. The office also oversees the Production Support Element that manages the Quality Maintenance Evaluation Program.

### **325<sup>th</sup> Logistics Support Squadron**

The 325<sup>th</sup> Logistics Support Squadron is the 325<sup>th</sup> Logistics Group's customer service center. The squadron serves a variety of internal and external customers. The squadron commander and staff provide administrative support to the 325<sup>th</sup> LG commander and the quality support flight.

The maintenance training flight is dedicated to training F-15 maintenance personnel. The flight determines local training requirements, monitoring the status of training in the wing and providing all the training necessary for Tyndall maintainers and new F-15 crew chiefs on their way to combat units.

The supply functional area chief/quality assurance evaluator flight monitors the contract supply operations, while the transportation FAC/QAE flight monitors the contract transportation functions for the 325<sup>th</sup> LG.

### **325<sup>th</sup> Contracting Squadron**

The 325<sup>th</sup> Contracting Squadron is a multi-faceted organization, which affects every individual stationed at Tyndall. It is responsible for awarding and administering contracts ranging from rubber stamps to multimillion-dollar construction projects and exotic requirements such as operation and maintenance of aerial targets.

Whenever commodities, services or construction work is required by an organization, requests must be submitted through the contracting office, which ensures requirements are purchased at the best possible price with the best delivery time. Personnel working in contracting are thoroughly trained in pricing policies, negotiation techniques and related functions. This ensures organization funds are spent on authorized, required items at fair and reasonable prices.

### **325<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron**

The 325<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron is a diverse organization employing more than 180 personnel. Made up of three flights, comprising 12 elements, it is the largest squadron within the 325<sup>th</sup> Logistics Group. Its mission is to provide F-15 avionics, engine and munitions support to the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. They are also responsible for conducting surveillance and assessment of contract aircraft maintenance.

#### Engine Flight

- Inspect, tests and repair F100 engines and related components
- Assist fighter squadron personnel with trouble-shooting expertise

#### Avionics Flight

- Test, inspects and maintain F-15 avionics
- Test, trouble-shoot, and repair printed circuit cards

#### Munitions Flight

- Procure, maintain and provide aerospace munitions and munitions-related support.

### **Maintenance Services**

Lockheed-Martin Logistics Management performs primary flight line and back-shop maintenance. Approximately 190 employees support the wing's flying mission by repairing and maintaining all F-15 aircraft assigned to Tyndall. They do work on the engines, aerospace ground equipment and accessories, including fabrication and repair of airframe structures.

### **Supply Services**

Trend Western Technical Corporation provides supply and fuels support under contract to more than 530 organizational accounts. Additionally, it provides support to 16 major associate units. It maintains accountability for over 50,000 line items, and manages and controls a \$105 million warehouse inventory by processing more than 10,000 monthly computer transactions.

Trend Western also serves as a designated Air Force operational test base for worldwide software development programs. Other functions of the contractor include developing and implementing supply-operating procedures, inventory control and accounting, analysis of supply problems and maintenance of supply records.

One Forward Asset Support Training warehouse directly supports flight line F-15 maintenance operations by storing and issuing items identified for the F-15. The advanced state-of-the-art fuels management complex receives and issues more than 3.5 million gallons of JP-8 jet fuel to more than 2,600 aircraft monthly.

### **Transportation Services**

Traffic management, combat readiness, vehicle operations and maintenance functions on Tyndall are contracted to Trend Western Technical Corporation.

Traffic management services consist of household goods shipment, passenger travel arrangements and surface freight movements. Newcomers should contact the household goods element located in Building 542 immediately upon arrival to check the status of their inbound personal property shipments. For more information, contact the Trend Western representative, (850) 283-4262.

Units requiring freight or combat readiness services should contact a Trend Western freight of combat readiness representative, (850) 283-4318. Freight and combat readiness services are located in Building 266.

On-base taxi, U-drive-it and vehicle maintenance services are located in Building 560. Vehicle maintenance ensures all government vehicles are maintained in a safe and serviceable condition. If you have a problem with your government vehicle, report it to vehicle maintenance. Vehicle operations will ensure your transportation needs are met through the base-taxi service. Contact a Trend Western representative at (850) 283-4031 to handle all of your vehicle needs.

### **325<sup>th</sup> Support Group**

“Readiness is our Profession” at Tyndall. Although training is at the heart of the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, the base couldn’t carry out its mission without the dedicated personnel of the 325<sup>th</sup> Support Group. The Support Group mission is to provide the support services necessary to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

The Support Group provides the security and proper care of Tyndall’s people and facilities and provides services for all 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing units as well as associate organizations. Its major components include the 325<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron, 325<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron, 325<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron, 325<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron, 325<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron and Detachment 1, 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Corry Station in Pensacola.

### **325<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron**

The 325<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron is the focal point for food service, lodging, recreation, force management and readiness. The squadron is charged with carrying out the Air Force services mission by providing programs contributing to readiness and improved productivity through programs promoting fitness, esprit de corps and quality of life for Air Force people.

The Services Squadron’s primary objectives are tied to personal fitness, unit and community cohesion, family well being, quality of life, recreation awareness and outreach. These factors improve the capability of the individual to respond to demands imposed by leaders or by the system.

Unit and community cohesion increases the ability of people to work well together and promote esprit de corps. Family well being enhances the capability of families to cope with the demands and stresses of Air Force life and promote family support for Air Force activities. Improved quality of life secures loyalty and commitment from Air Force people. Recreation awareness and outreach programs act as catalysts for achieving other recreation objectives by ensuring people are able to take advantage of available opportunities.

### **Graphic Impressions Print and Design Studio**

Located in Building 1013 on Georgia Avenue, the Graphic Impressions Print and Design Studio offers custom-designed personal print and graphic art products to all authorized users. Experienced illustrators can give advice on custom-designed invitations, certificates, posters, business cards, memo pads, stationery, Christmas and other special occasion cards, pin-on buttons, logo designs and more. They also typeset resumes and duplicate on a copy machine or offset press. For more information, call (850) 283-2228.

### **Human Resource Office**

The Services Non-Appropriated Fund Human Resources Office currently receives all non-appropriated fund job applications. Personnel in the office know what jobs are open and what forms are needed to apply for a job. For more information, call (850) 283-2019 or visit Building 1127.

### **Tyndall Honor Guard**

This highly discipline, professional team consists of more than 60 volunteers. They provide honors throughout northern Florida and southern Alabama for active duty, retired and veterans of the armed services. In addition to providing dignified ceremonies for fallen countrymen, they serve as Tyndall's "Ambassadors of the Air Force" in parades and official ceremonies. For more information, call (850) 283-4405.

### **Resource Management Flight**

The Resource Management Flight is responsible for financial and logistical matters. Personnel who are leaving the base have their accounts cleared in the NAF Funds Control Office, located in Building 1129.

The flight also handles the Recycling Program. For more information, call (850) 283-2522. Tyndall's recycling effort not only helps protect the environment; it also saves the government thousands of dollars in disposal fees. Color-coded recycle bins are available in office areas and base housing. For more information about recycling, call (850) 283- CANS.

### **Military Support Flight**

Composed of facilities, which mobilize to support deployed troops, the military support flight includes food service, lodging, physical fitness center and the community activities center. This flight also functions as liaison for the Travel Company (unofficial leisure travel), the commissary and AAFES.

### **325<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron**

The 325<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron was activated in September 1988 as part of the Air Force's program to realign certain combat support group functions. It is composed of the military personnel flight, civilian personnel flight, information management, family support center, education services center and Airman Leadership School.

#### **Military Personnel Flight**

The military personnel flight is located in the Base Support Center, Building 662 and provides personnel service to all active duty and retired military members and their families. The MPF consists of three sections: (1) customer support, (2) relocation employment and base training, and (3) personnel systems management and readiness. The MPF is open 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, except on Thursdays, when they are open from 9:00 a.m. - 7 p.m. for those needing customer service after normal duty hours.

The first stop for newcomers will be the customer service element, located on the 2nd floor of Building 662. This is the heart of the MPF, providing all walk-in customers with efficient, one-stop service on routing personnel actions. They can assist you in a variety of personnel actions, from issuing identification cards to managing your personnel records. The other tenant of the customer assistance section is the career enhancement element. Career enhancements personnel manage promotions, awards and decorations, performance reports, re-enlistments and extensions as well as other quality force actions (i.e. weight management, unfavorable information files, etc.).

The relocation, employment and training section incorporates the relocation element (formal training, outbound assignments, separations and retirements), the employment element (manning, retraining and classification) and the base training element (enlisted specialty training). This is the more mobile section, involved in gaining personnel to our personnel data system (PCSing to Tyndall), separation or retirement. All training actions are monitored here, as well as accomplishing the orders to get members to formal schools needed to progress in their specialty and professional military education.

The personnel systems management and readiness section is responsible for all personnel data system management (to include PC-III) and for supporting all contingency operations worldwide. If you are selected for deployment as a part of a contingency operation, visit the readiness element for your processing.

The MPF staff is also responsible for individual mobilization augmentee (Air Force Reserve) administration functions.

#### **Civilian Personnel Flight**

The civilian personnel flight, located in Building 662, furnishes the Tyndall community with a variety of services needed by appropriated funded employees and supervisors. The CPF serves about 550 appropriated fund employees and its staff can be reached by calling (850) 283-3203.

The civilian personnel office furnishes overall civilian personnel program policy and guidance. The civilian personnel officer can be reached at (850) 283-2027.

Services provided include:

- Data management is responsible for managing work-year allocations and execution for all appropriated funds positions and the Defense Civilian Personnel Data System, maintaining accurate record data on civilian employees. Questions concerning computer products and other personnel data systems, call (850) 283-2714.
- Position classification and position management is responsible for position description accuracy, the environmental differential pay program, organizational re-engineering and restructuring management advisory service and locality wage survey.
- Employee-management relations is responsible for providing guidance and assistance to supervisors and managers in carrying out their personnel management responsibilities, assistance and information concerning conduct and discipline, the employee assistance program, performance management, awards and grievance and appeal procedures.
- Limited recruitment and staffing entails advising managers of recruitment sources, clearing recruitment priorities, in-processing and out-processing of employees and limited employment information.
- Resumes for employment on Tyndall are accepted on a continuous basis at the Air Force Personnel Center located at Randolph AFB, Texas. A special "job kit" must be used to apply for employment.
- How to obtain a "job kit": By mail, write to HQ AFPC/DPCTDC, attn. Recruitment Center, 550 C Street West, Suite 57, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4759; by telephone, call (800) 699-4473, press 1 for employment information, then 4 for general employment information, then 0 to speak to an employment representative to request a Job Kit; and by Internet, [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/palacecompass](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/palacecompass).
- The Tyndall Job Line also contains information about the new application process, (850) 283-2006.

### **Airman Leadership School**

The Airman Leadership School is located in Building 812, on Suwannee Road. Our mission at the Tyndall ALS is to provide high quality Professional Military Education to senior airmen throughout the Tyndall Air Force Base community to ensure they have the required prerequisites to become highly effective supervisors and rating officials. This includes providing the necessary hands-on practical experience to enhance their learning process. We will do everything possible to set the students up for success--enhancing the war fighting capability of the 325th Fighter Wing and the associate units assigned to Tyndall.

The Airman Leadership School is one of the finest education facilities in the command. It is ideally designed to support our total academic program. The school has two classrooms and lecture halls with state-of-the-art computer multi-media presentation systems, audio system, videotape equipment and a Local Area Network. It also has a student resource center, a computer center, a break-room with vending machine, coffee bar and microwave and an outdoor covered patio area enclosed by a privacy fence with picnic tables and benches.

### **325<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron**

The 325<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron is responsible for more than 29,102 acres of land making up Tyndall. The unit is also responsible for six off-base sites, encompassing 127 miles of

shoreline and 17,000 acres of commercial forest. Tyndall has 1,801 facilities with an approximate replacement cost of more than \$1.16 billion.

The squadron has 85 military and 106 civilian members performing the operation, maintenance, repair and construction of real property to effectively sustain Tyndall's land and facilities. Responsibilities include managing fire protection, CE readiness, explosive ordnance disposal, environmental programs, natural resource programs and military family housing.

The 325 CES operations flight function is contracted to Del-Jen Inc., who employs 160 personnel to perform the in-house maintenance, repair, and construction of all pavement, grounds, facilities and utilities on Tyndall. The staff completes approximately 1,000-work request monthly with an annual budget of \$1.5 million. Del-Jen also operates Tyndall's Self-Help Store. Popular materials are available to make self-help maintenance, repair and construction work easier. Also a complete line of trees and shrubbery to help enhance housing and facility areas is available. The Self-Help Store is located in Building 449 and is open 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The Base Civil Engineer has the important position of Fire Marshal for the base, with 73 military and civilian firefighters working 24-hour shifts. Operating out of three separate facilities, the fire protection flight utilizes 18 vehicles and has the capability to respond to hazardous material incidents.

The explosive ordnance disposal flight has a very diverse mission. The unit is comprised of 15 military personnel tasked with rendering explosives safe and disposing of all munitions and explosive devices deemed hazardous to personnel and property. The flight also provides EOD support to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to include the U.S. Secret Service for protective support to the President of the United States and foreign heads of state.

The readiness flight manages the installation disaster preparedness program. Responsibilities include chemical, biological warfare defense training for all mobility personnel. The flight coordinates on major accident, natural disaster and nuclear warfare defense actions with Bay County and state emergency management officials. The flight also schedules, conducts, and documents specialized DP team and hazardous material training. They monitor civil engineer troops deployed throughout the world. They are tasked with responding to major accident and natural disaster threats affecting Tyndall.

The resources flight consists of four elements: financial management, work information management system, real estate and personnel management. The civil engineering budget is one of the largest on Tyndall (averaging \$25-35 million annually) and is managed by a small group of budget professionals focused on gaining the most from continually reduced funding levels. The WIMS element is responsible for maintaining squadron computer systems. Recent Local Area Network and Interim WIMS state-of-the-art technology upgrades have made the 325 CES computer system an Air Force model. All real estate on Tyndall (more than 1,200 buildings and 29,102 acres of land) must be continually accounted for, which is the primary responsibility of the real estate element.

The natural resources flight protects and enhances Tyndall's natural resources programs that include forest management, fish and wildlife management, non-structured outdoor recreation and education/public relations concerning all aspects of the natural resources program. Permits and

information on hunting, fishing or participation in non-consumptive outdoor recreation activities on Tyndall are available from the natural resources flight, Building 1260.

The military family housing flight manages 1,042 housing units located in seven Tyndall communities. Of these, 934 are physically located on base in the Felix Lake, Wood Manor I, II and III, Bay View and Shoal Point areas. Additional 130 units are located in Cove Gardens housing, approximately 10 miles from Tyndall. The housing budget is approximately \$6.3 million. Dormitory facilities are also managed by the housing flight with a consolidated dorm management program.

The engineering flight is responsible for planning, developing and managing contract programs to construct, improve and maintain Tyndall facilities and resources. During 1999, the flight completed more than \$24 million in construction projects. Currently, major construction includes; Felix Lake Family Housing Phase VI, Visiting Airmen Quarters Building 1060 renovation, new AGE maintenance facility and a new air traffic control tower.

The environmental flight is responsible for management of environmental compliance programs. This 13-member-team is responsible for pollution prevention, air pollution, asbestos, underground storage tanks, environmental assessments, water, hazardous waste and the environmental compliance assessment management program and restoration.

### **325<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron**

Provides force protection services throughout Tyndall's 29,000 acres supporting vital resources valued at more than 1.3 billion dollars are the primary responsibilities for the 183 active duty personnel assigned to the 325<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron.

Within the operations flight, the Tyndall "defenders" performs many law enforcement, military working dog and security services. The weapon systems security element is responsible for protection of assigned and TDY priority aircraft, command and control facilities, critical communications and air defense facilities. The law enforcement element performs base patrol and entry control operations. Base entry controllers are the first contact for people entering the base. In addition to their primary role, enforcing base entry requirements and preventing the unauthorized removal of property from base, they assist with directions and answer questions. The military working dog element provides patrol dog, drug suppression and explosives detection services for the base, and frequently demonstrates dog team capabilities to base and civic groups.

The training and resources flight is responsible for unit supply, training and armory functions. The armory is located in Building 659 and stores government firearms and munitions used by security forces and other on-base units. The section also supports courtesy storage of weapons and munitions for residents in the bachelor officer quarters and dormitories. Residents of on-base housing facilities are permitted to store their personal weapons and ammunition in their respective quarters.

The Security Forces Training Element is tasked with training all assigned security forces and a large number of augmentees throughout the base. These augmentees are tasked with supporting security forces operations during contingencies and emergencies.

The combat arms training and maintenance branch, located on Beacon Beach Road in Building 1285, operates the base firing range and conducts classroom and live weapons training to more than 2,300 Tyndall personnel annually.

The administration and reports element offers a variety of services. The resources protection office serves as the base program manager for the protection of government funds, firearms and munitions. Reports and analysis is responsible for processing and storing all police reports and related documents. The base anti-terrorism, crime prevention and drug abuse resistance education programs are managed by this flight. The base information security program, which includes industrial security and personnel security, is also managed through security forces. They provide technical guidance in the protection of classified material, process and monitor security clearances, background investigations and fingerprinting to the Tyndall community.

Another important office under the reports and analysis section umbrella is pass and registration. Located in Building 662 on the second floor, pass and registration issues visitor passes, restricted area badges, provides on-base vehicle registration and a host of other services. All newly assigned personnel must register their vehicle on base within 5 duty days of arrival. Computer generated identification cards are issued by the consolidated base personnel office, located next door to pass and registration.

The quality control element conducts annual evaluations with each security forces duty position and work center. Members of this element also serve on the base exercise evaluation team.

### **325<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron**

The 325th Communications Squadron provides the 325th Fighter Wing and more than 29 associate units with communications and information systems and services; air traffic control systems maintenance; and communications and computer security support. The squadron has personnel from 17 different Air Force specialties, occupies 16 facilities, and operates or maintains \$150 million in equipment, making the 325th CS a significant part of Team Tyndall. The around-the-clock missions of the communications squadron are accomplished by four flights.

The mission systems flight maintains a large inventory of communication equipment to include major air traffic control radar, radio, weather and navigational systems, the 6,400-line base telephone switch, plus all telephones and key systems, the \$4.2 million "trunked" land mobile radio system, the base pager system, visual imagery and intrusion detection system, modular control equipment supporting the air battle managers course, the ground-air-transmit-receive radio site, frequency management, the underground cable communications cable grid and cryptographic equipment. They also provide cellular telephone service, handle billing for commercial communications services, operate two telephone switchboards and maintain a 24-hour job control function.

The information systems flight leads the way in computer networking. This flight operates and maintains Tyndall's Local Area Network and is dedicated to supporting all of Tyndall's data communications needs. Within the flight are the network control center, the hub for administering and engineering Tyndall's LAN. The base communications center distributes AUTODIN traffic to more than 65 different organizations throughout the base. Currently, this

work center, while working with the NCC, is transitioning to the Defense Messaging System. This new messaging system will allow authorized users secure writer-to-reader communications capabilities without a middleman. The automated data processing equipment gurus ensure full accountability of all the Tyndall computer equipment resources. The airmen detailed to the special security office provide the 1st Air Force intelligence community with the message traffic needed to stay abreast of the ever-changing world situation. The flight is rounded out by one of the most demanding work centers in the Air Force, the Information Assurance Office. These airmen administer all the communications security, emissions security and computer security while also maintaining the security awareness, training and education program throughout Tyndall.

The support flight establishes and executes controls, policies and procedures to implement information management and visual information functions. The flight is responsible for a wide array of services. The 3AOX1-functional manager is responsible for manning and assignment actions for 81 base information managers. The base information transfer center provides official mail, administrative communications and QAE support for the contracted postal service center. Records management ensures accurate maintenance, protection and disposition of official records. The RM office also processes and coordinates Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act request. The publishing section manages base publications and forms programs and the master publications library. The workgroup management office was established as a "prototype" for the base and command--providing training in the areas of workgroup management and computer applications to all base IM personnel. The contracted VI element provides audiovisual, graphics and photography support and operates the base video teleconference center.

The plans flight plans future communications requirements and infrastructure upgrades. They are the focal point for the base communications blueprint, a five-year planning document for upgrading Tyndall's communications architecture. At the same time, they implement projects according to the plan, to include the installation of an underground fiber-optics cable network and upgrades to numerous communications and information systems. They also provide special expertise for communications systems supporting the Gulf Test Range and manage the squadron's \$2 million budget.

### **325th Medical Group**

The 325th Medical Group provides quality medical care to all those eligible for care in the Military Health System. Depending on changes in available services and the capacity of our military treatment facility, you or your dependents may receive TRICARE coverage from a civilian provider. However, TRICARE eligibility applies only to active duty members and their dependents; retirees, retiree dependents and survivors under age 65 (Medicare applies for those individuals 65 and older). Space available appointments and admissions at MTFs, particularly TRICARE Standard patients, may be difficult to obtain due to the access priorities set by the Defense Authorization Act of 1996 and the policies of the 325th MDG commander. Those priorities are as follows (NATO members and dependents contact the managed care office for eligibility details):

**Priority 1:** Active duty service members

**Priority 2:** Active duty family members who are enrolled in TRICARE Prime

**Priority 3:** Retirees, their family members, and survivors who are enrolled in TRICARE Prime

**Priority 4:** Family members of active duty service members who are not enrolled in TRICARE Prime

**Priority 5:** All other eligible persons

Because military hospitals and clinics have offered fewer services in recent years, the Department of Defense supplemented our medical care with TRICARE (to complement the older CHAMPUS program). TRICARE offers three options.

TRICARE Prime guarantees access to the primary care provider of your choice. It also offers care at a variety of military and civilian locations at the lowest possible cost with no deductible. You must enroll to take advantage of this option

TRICARE Standard is similar to the CHAMPUS program. It offers the widest choice of providers; however, you are not guaranteed access to the military treatment facility and you will incur the highest cost share after meeting a deductible.

TRICARE Extra has the same benefits as TRICARE Standard, but offers a lower cost share for using network providers. All three options are free to active duty members and their dependents.

The 325th Medical Group staff operates as an outpatient clinic including: family practice, pediatrics, internal medicine, optometry, behavioral science, flight medicine, physical therapy, dental clinic and support services. Laboratory and radiology have extensive capabilities, including CAT scanning and a wide variety of clinical laboratory testing. The satellite pharmacy, (Exchange/Commissary Mall), stocks an extensive formulary of medications. Nutritional medicine offers a wide variety of counseling and training on reducing the impact of disease through diet and lifestyle modification.

The Tyndall Health and Wellness Center offers many fitness, nutritional and lifestyle improvement programs to the community. It is located in Building 1307, a refurbished facility on the medical campus.

Dental services are offered in a modern, 16-chair dental clinic within the main hospital building. Treatment for active duty personnel is comprehensive. Dental treatment for active duty dependents, retirees and their families is extremely limited and on a space-available basis only. Participation in the dependent or retiree dental insurance program is strongly encouraged for all eligible beneficiaries. Response to true dental emergencies is always available.

Essential base support services such as public health, bioenvironmental engineering and aerospace physiology are part of the 325th MDG. The efforts of these departments enable the Tyndall population to live and work in a healthier and safer environment.

The 325th MDG is fully accredited by numerous professional organizations including the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Accreditation by JCAHO indicates the hospital meets or exceeds rigorous national standards used to measure excellence in medical care.

For more information regarding services at the 325th MDG, call the patient service office at (850) 283-7524. TRICARE information is available through the managed care office at (850) 283-7331 or through the TRICARE Service Center at (800) 444-5445.

## **Tenant/Associate Units**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Air Force**

First Air Force resources include air operations centers, radar warning systems and fighter aircraft used to conduct peacetime air sovereignty and wartime, air defense missions. Located at Tyndall is the CONUS Regions Air Operations Center, which exercises operational command and control of continental U.S. air defense systems. CONR is further subdivided into three geographically oriented sectors for tactical control purposes, each with a Sector Air Operations Center. They are the Northeast Air Defense Sector in Rome, N.Y., the Western Air Defense Sector at McChord AFB, Wash. and the Southeast Air Defense Sector at Tyndall.

Collocated with 1<sup>st</sup> Air Force are the 701<sup>st</sup> Air Defense Squadron and the 702<sup>nd</sup> Computer Systems Squadron. The 701<sup>st</sup> ADS operates the CONUS AOC and the 1<sup>st</sup> Air Force command post. The 702<sup>nd</sup> CSS is the USAF component of the binational NORAD Systems Support Facility, which is the software support manager for the computer systems used to support all NORAD and Sector AOCs.

Radar data used by the RAOC and SAOC comes from a variety of systems located in and around the continent. The relocatable over-the-horizon radar located in Virginia provides long-range radar data. In addition, there are 41 ground-based joint surveillance system radar's located around the borders of the U.S. providing long range data to both 1<sup>st</sup> Air Force/CONR and the FAA. Along the southern border of the U.S. are tethered aerostat radars providing low-altitude radar data. Radar data can also be received from E-3 AWACS aircraft flying in support of 1<sup>st</sup> Air Force/CONR operations.

Fighter aircraft are provided by 10 Air National Guard units and continuous peacetime air sovereignty alert is maintained at 7 sites along the borders of the continental United States. Under CONR's operational control, these fighters are launched to intercept and identify unauthorized or unknown aircraft entering the U.S. Air Defense Identification Zone. Aircraft assigned are the F-15 Eagle and the air defense version of the F-16 Fighting Falcon. These F-16 aircraft have been modified with improved radar and weapons systems to enhance their strategic air defense capabilities.

Since 1989, CONR has supported U.S. Customs Service and law enforcement agencies in their efforts to track and identify air traffic suspected of carrying illegal drugs into the United States. Responsible for detecting and monitoring suspect aircraft, 1<sup>st</sup> Air Force/CONR has operational control of NORAD's E-3 AWACS and employs it in their effort. Fighters and controllers work closely with law enforcement agencies when suspected drug smuggling aircraft are detected. The counter-drug operation has become a significant part of the 1<sup>st</sup> AF mission.

### **Southeast Air Defense Sector**

The Southeast Air Defense Sector, the "World's Premier Air Defense Team," is responsible for the air defense of the southeastern United States. With over 600,000 square miles of airspace, including 3,000 miles of coastline from Texas to the North Carolina border, the Southeast Air Defense Sector is the busiest of three sectors comprising the Continental United States North American Aerospace Defense Command Region.

The Southeast Sector Air Operations Center is the command and control element for the sector air defense operations. It is a part of the Joint Surveillance System, a combination of military and FAA facilities. This system, using the latest advances in computerized airspace control, relies on digitized radar inputs from 12 ground radar sites and four-tethered aerostat balloons. More than 2,200 aircraft penetrating the sector's air defense and identification zone are detected each day by sector AOC technicians and operators.

The sector AOC, along with five other control centers—two in the continental United States, two in Canada and one in Alaska—are key elements in support of the North American Aerospace Defense Command mission. NORAD command and control agencies are responsible for maintaining air sovereignty in peacetime and defending North America during wartime. Consoles in the sector AOC are designed for multiple uses, allowing them to be used for surveillance, identification or weapons control air defense functions.

All aircraft entering the United States must be identified. This process involves coordination with the FAA, other military agencies and identification by electronic interrogation. Any aircraft not identified by these means within specified timing criteria are designated "unknowns." Four alert sites are strategically located to provide rapid scramble and subsequent interception and identification of unknown aircraft. The Southeast Air Defense Sector's peacetime mission also includes detecting and monitoring suspected drug smuggling aircraft in coordination with U.S. Custom's Service and law enforcement agencies.

The sector's wartime mission—tactical warning and threat assessment and defense against air attack—would be conducted, using the same radar assets serving the peacetime mission. However, they would be heavily augmented by U.S. Naval radar assets and the fighting force would be augmented with training assets of the Air Education and Training Command and U.S. Navy.

For reliability and training purposes, the sector AOC is equipped with two computer systems. While one system monitors sector airspace, operators can use the second system for training exercises, data analysis, testing and repair. Should the operational system malfunction, the second system is automatically switched to operational status with no mission interruption. A new modernized command and control technology is being developed and will be tested and validated at Tyndall.

The joint service sector commander is an Air Force officer who exercises operational control over traditional and full-time Air National Guard air defense professionals, as well as a number of Air Force, Army and Navy resources in the southeastern United States.

### **North American Aerospace Defense Command System Support Facility**

The North American Aerospace Defense Command System Support Facility is comprised of the 702<sup>nd</sup> Computer Systems Squadron and the Canadian Forces Detachment. Operationally, the NSSF is under the control of NORAD. Administratively, the 702<sup>nd</sup> reports to 1st Air Force. The Canadian Forces Detachment report to the Canadian Defense Liaison staff, Colorado Springs.

The NSSF is an integral part of the Atmospheric Early Warning System, established to enforce air sovereignty and provide surveillance of the United States and Canada. To satisfy these objectives, eight region/sector air operations centers located in North America, Hawaii

and Iceland provide centralized data processing displays of command and control data. Each control center is responsible for the detection, identification and interception of unknown aircraft penetrating its area of responsibility. The accuracy and dependability of the systems that enable the Region/Sector Air Operations Centers to execute this responsibility rely heavily on the quality software and analytical support received from the NSSF at Tyndall.

The 702<sup>nd</sup> Computer Systems Squadron was formed Dec. 1, 1980, with a mission to equip, administer, provide and train personnel to perform software support for the then NORAD Joint Surveillance System. As the U.S. Air Force element of the bi-national NORAD System Support Facility, the men and women of the 702<sup>nd</sup> work hand-in-hand with their Canadian Forces Detachment counterparts to provide the NORAD operational community with the most up-to-date and reliable software possible.

The Canadian Forces Detachment was formed in August 1981. The “CF Det” is comprised of officers and noncommissioned members of the Canadian Forces permanently assigned to Tyndall. The majority of these CF personnel work side-by-side with U.S. Air Force members of the 702<sup>nd</sup>, in the NORAD System Support Facility, providing operational computer software supporting NORAD’s aerospace defense mission. Other members of the CF Det are assigned to the CONUS NORAD Region Headquarters, also located here.

### **Detachment 1, 148<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing**

Detachment 1, 148<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing is under the operational command of the commander-in-chief of the North American Aerospace Defense Command, Colorado Springs, Colo. Their main mission is to intercept “unknowns” when scrambled by controllers at the Southeast Air Defense Sector AOC, located at Tyndall. As part of the peacekeeping portion of their mission, the deployed pilots also assist drug and law enforcement agencies in drug traffic interdiction.

The Detachment consists of 20 Minnesota Air National Guardsmen and four F-16 air defense fighters aircraft. The aircraft and pilots rotate on a scheduled basis from their home base at Duluth. The commander, operations officer and 16 enlisted members of the Detachment are permanently assigned to Tyndall.

### **53<sup>rd</sup> Weapons Evaluation Group**

The 53<sup>rd</sup> Weapons Evaluation Group is a unique organization whose overall mission is to enhance air combat readiness through evaluation of air-to-air weapons systems and improvement of methods, tactics and equipment used by Air Combat Command.

One of the 53<sup>rd</sup> WEG’s responsibilities is the coordination, management and execution of the United States Air Force air-to-air weapons system evaluation program, code-named COMBAT ARCHER. This program is designed to measure the effectiveness of air-to-air weapons systems under realistic conditions. It gives ACC, ACC-gained Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, United States Air Forces in Europe, Pacific Air Forces and Canadian Forces Fighter Group units the opportunity to evaluate air superiority/air defense weapons systems and to train aircrew and maintenance personnel in preparation for wartime air-to-air tasks.

William Tell, the triennial worldwide USAF Air-to-Air Weapons Meet, is also conducted by the 53<sup>rd</sup> WEG. This competition measures the ability of fighter units to accomplish air

superiority and strategic defense missions in a realistic combat environment. Top teams from the U.S. and Canadian air forces compete in this meet.

The 81<sup>st</sup> Test Support Squadron provides analysis of operations and maintenance and logistics factors for the 53<sup>rd</sup> WEG commander. The unit schedules air-to-air ranges in support of Weapons Systems Evaluation Program and test activities; provides technical and engineering support and manages configuration for all Gulf Range air-to-air systems; provides technical interface for acquisition of range systems and aerial targets systems and payloads; and manages the planning and execution of William Tell.

The operations side of the 81<sup>st</sup> TSS is known as “WETSTONE” and provides ground control intercept support during live missile-firing missions and air combat training operations for users of Gulf of Mexico ranges. It also supports test missions for a variety of DOD users.

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Aerial Targets Squadron manages full-scale (QF-4) and subscale (BQM-34a and MQM-107) drone targets and all USAF watercraft used for drone recovery. The 82<sup>nd</sup> ATRS provides launch, control and recovery of the targets and mission support for DOD weapons testing and evaluation of the Gulf and White Sands Missile ranges. The special devices flight, designs and fabricates equipment, ranging from custom-built instrumentation pods to miniature circuit's boards.

The 83<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Weapons Squadron is responsible for conducting COMBAT ARCHER. An evaluation of the total weapon system is made through live missile firings, real-time telemetry capture, in-depth data analysis and detailed reporting. These reports support Air Staff decisions on operational capabilities, aircraft/weapon modifications and force structure. In addition, liaison support for TDY units taking part in ACC-directed programs is provided by the 83<sup>rd</sup> FWS.

The 86<sup>th</sup> Fighter Weapons Squadron is responsible for conducting COMBAT HAMMER. Similar to COMBAT ARCHER, they evaluate the total air-to-ground weapons systems via real time telemetry capture, in-depth analysis and detailed reporting. The squadron is currently located at Eglin AFB, Fla., but will be relocating in the near future.

### **Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency**

The Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency is a field-operating agency of the Air Force Civil Engineer in Washington D.C. The agency provides tools, practices and professional support to civil engineers worldwide.

AFCESA offers expertise in seven specialized areas: readiness, training, vehicles and equipment, management practices, technical support, automation support and research and development consultation.

AFCESA is comprised of five directorates: operations support, technical support, contingency support, field support and executive support.

The operation support directorate offers civil engineers enhanced management practices, career development training and contract support. In addition, it develops and implements civil engineer automation systems.

The technical support directorate establishes standards and criteria for base infrastructure design and construction, life cycle planning, programming, operations, maintenance and repair and revitalization.

The contingency support directorate ensures engineering personnel are trained and equipped to deploy in case of war or peacetime emergency. The directorate works with war planners from the Air Force and other services to ensure engineer forces are accurately reflected in U.S. war plans. The directorate's broad scope of responsibility includes explosive ordnance disposal, fire protection and readiness.

The field support directorate is sometimes referred to as CEMIRT, the Civil Engineer Maintenance, Inspection and Repair Team. The directorate is responsible for providing intermediate and depot-level repair support for power generation, electrical distribution and aircraft arresting systems. In addition it provides technical support for heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems.

The executive support directorate provides personnel, computer, financial and professional communications support for the agency. The directorate also maintains the agency's web site and publishes The Civil Engineer magazine, the flagship publication for the Air Force civil engineer community. For more on AFCESA visit their web site: [AFCESA.af.mil](http://AFCESA.af.mil).

### **Detachment 4, 372<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron**

The “Eagle Teachers” of Detachment 4, provide worldwide and local training on F-15 aircraft systems and support equipment. Customers include all active duty, Air National Guard and Reserve units operating F-15 Eagle aircraft.

An AETC unit assigned to the 982nd Training Group, Sheppard AFB, Texas, and the detachment trains more than 1,500 crew chiefs each year. Many of the maintainers assigned to the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing attend classes in the detachment's 31,000 square-foot facility. Each of the 24 courses offered is taught using classroom lectures or hands-on instructional techniques. Student curriculum is enhanced by the use of interactive training sets, simulators and actual aircraft.

### **NCO Academy**

The NCO Academy has a long and proud history. It moved to Tyndall in August 1973 and received member accreditation with the Commission on Occupational Education Institutions of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in December 1975. In December 1980, the Academy received full collegiate accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commissions on Colleges. In May 1992, the Academy's affiliation with the Community College of the Air Force was reaffirmed.

In November 1993, the Academy became part of Air University with the establishment of the College for Enlisted Professional Military Education. The Academy has graduated more than 24,110 students since its origin in March 1957. Retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Paul W. Airey graduated from the Academy and makes several visits yearly to talk with the NCOs. For more information, call (850) 283-3238.

### **Leisure**

### **Outdoor Recreation**

Tyndall's outdoor recreation program, honored as best in the Air Force for two years straight, offers varied programs for permanent party and TDY customers to enjoy. Bonita Bay Outdoor Recreation Complex not only provides the water sports so often associated with the area, but trips and tours to areas of natural, historical or recreational interest; base-wide activities and special functions; and a wide variety of instructional classes to promote safety in outdoor recreation.

Facilities consist of a large marina with boat rentals and equipment checkout for those who pass a water safety class, picnic areas with pavilions and playgrounds, a sailing facility, launching ramps, a pool, three beaches, two lakes, a ropes course, horse stables, an archery range, and a skeet and trap range.

Outdoor recreation offers diverse programs geared toward producing virtually unlimited outdoor recreation possibilities for the entire family. Programs include instructional classes, aquatic fitness, trips, and tours. For more information, call the Bonita Bay Reservations Office, Building 5013, (850) 283-3199/4473.

### **Services Recreation Supply**

Services recreation supply is a non-appropriated fund activity designed to provide recreation equipment and supplies for the off-duty enjoyment of military personnel and their family members, as well as DOD civilian employees. A wide variety of equipment is offered and most items are quality brand names. The facility is located at the Bonita Bay Outdoor Recreation Complex, Building 5013. For more information, call (850) 283-3199.

### **Riding Stables**

We invite you to board your horse at the riding stables, located one-quarter mile west of Wood Manor Housing, off Sabre Drive. The stables include large barns with paddocks, an arena, a lunge area, wash racks and many scenic trails. Some of the great programs have included sanctioned horse shows, play days and clinics. For more information on stabling horses, call (850) 283-3199.

### **FamCamp**

Tyndall's FamCamp is located on base and open year-round with the following facilities: 3,200-square-foot recreation facility with a full kitchen, fireplace, laundry room, rest rooms, showers and a social room; playground, picnic tables and barbecue grills; telephones and U.S. mail service; cable TV, horseshoes, shuffleboard and a miniature golf course; and a sewage dump station. There are 59 RV sites with full hookups; 32 RV sites with water, cable TV and electric hookups; eight primitive tent sites; three cottages and ample overflow parking. Daily, weekly and monthly rates are available with a 90-day maximum stay. Reservations are not accepted for campsites.

Three fully furnished and equipped two-bedroom cottages are available for rent. The cottages feature central air conditioning, cable TV and accommodations for six people. Cottage reservations can be made 90 days in advance with deposit by calling the FamCamp office, (850) 283-2798.

New arrivals should go directly to FamCamp and follow the registration procedure posted on the information board. The use of FamCamp is restricted to active duty/retired military personnel.

### **Skeet and Trap Range**

The Skeet and Trap Range is located on Beacon Beach Road and is fully equipped with modern, automatic-loading trap and skeet machines. Three skeet and two trap fields, a well-equipped resale store, reloading components, special order firearms, shooting supplies and training videos are available. For more information, call (850) 283-3855.

### **Pelican Point Golf Course**

This 18-hole championship course is built on 165 acres at Redfish Point and surrounded by St. Andrews Bay. You are sure to relax at the Pelican Point Golf Course “19th Hole” with the spectacular water view, even if you didn’t on the other 18. The operation includes a well-stocked pro shop; recreational areas, a snack bar, lockers, a driving range and practice facilities. The patio and back deck are wonderful places for casual functions. Facility staff will help arrange tournaments and catering.

Fees and services are graduated to encourage the participation of younger airmen and junior officers. Quality rental equipment is available at a reasonable cost. The schedule provides for regular play, tournaments, ladies’ days, intramural play, youth and adult activities and a variety of other programs.

The course operates seven days per week year round, with an average of only five or six unplayable days during the year. For the greatest value at area golf courses, call (850) 286-2565 for tee times. The staff is also pleased to give information about golf lessons and club repair.

### **Physical Fitness Center**

This outstanding facility has renovated locker rooms and expanded weight training and cardiovascular training areas to better support its well-developed diversified sports and fitness program. The trained Physical Fitness Center staff is ready to give advice for training programs to serious and recreational athletes. Individual and team activities are conducted at both intramural and varsity levels.

The center provides programs for physical conditioning, weight lifting, badminton, volleyball, racquetball and men’s and women’s sauna baths, Life Fitness Circuit and basketball. It also contracts qualified instructors for exercise and aerobics classes.

Outside athletic and recreational areas include two-lighted basketball courts, four-lighted softball fields, three-lighted tennis courts and a lighted track course. The Physical Fitness Center is located in Building 939. For more information, call (850) 283-2631.

### **Community Activities Center**

This hub of community activities is located in Building 1027. Recreation specialists create a casual but energized atmosphere in the Community Activities Center. Spend your leisure time using one of the nine pool tables, two table tennis tables, board games, video games or watching

the big screen TVs. Tame your hunger pangs with fast foods from the Sports Page Pizza Pub and Snack Bar.

The beautiful ballroom, the conference room, social rooms and fully equipped kitchen may be reserved for small informal or formal gatherings.

The center regularly schedules a wide variety of classes such as flower arranging and guitar. Call for current classes, dates and times.

If you are looking for a different way to celebrate a special day, buy a balloon bouquet. A unique combination of stuffed animals, mugs, jelly beans, and balloons celebrate birthdays, wish good health and celebrate the arrival of a new baby. Looking for souvenirs with “Tyndall?” The CAC gift shoppette has a variety of items.

Numerous base-wide and community events are sponsored by the center in collaboration with other Services Squadron facilities. The center also hosts base talent shows and the Air Force Tops in Blue performances. It also becomes the operations center for various inspection teams TDY to Tyndall.

The CAC also coordinates scheduling of spaces on the vehicle resale lot. For more information about CAC programs, visit Building 1027 or call (850) 283-2495.

### **Sports Page Pizza Pub & Snack Bar**

Located at the center, this food service facility features diverse menus to suit a variety of tastes. Daily money-saving specials, a weekday lunchtime salad bar, weekly all-you-can-eat pizza buffets and the friendly atmosphere keep customers coming back.

For more information, call the Sports Page Pizza Pub, (850) 283-3222 or Snack Bar, (850) 283-2814.

### **Pelican Reef Enlisted Club**

This modern enlisted club has received several MAJCOM awards and offers a variety of activities and entertainment for all enlisted ranks, their families and guests. Dancing in the Zone, karaoke and membership night are just some forms of entertainment available. Pinochle is played on Tuesday.

The main dining room, with a spectacular view of the Gulf of Mexico, is open for lunch and dinner. You’ll like the value of fine dining, pleasant atmosphere and great service. For more information, call the club, Building 1550, (850) 283-4146.

The Pelican Reef Enlisted Club catering staff offers unequalled services for special receptions, parties or banquets. Whether your event is in the club or at home, leave your preparations to the catering specialists. For more information, call (850) 286-6732.

### **Beacon Beach Marina**

The Tyndall area offers some of the best water recreation in the state. The Beacon Beach Marina, home of the Tyndall Yacht Club, is located adjacent to the Wood Manor housing area on St. Andrews Bay. The club’s location offers a beautiful view of the bay and Shell Island. Wet slips, dry boat storage and RV lot storage may be rented at the marina. Program activities include sailing regattas and tournaments such as fishing, darts, shuffleboard, pool and horseshoes.

The waters around Tyndall offer some beautiful diving opportunities, so a very active dive club is associated with the marina. Florida law requires a person be a certified diver to have scuba tanks filled in the state. Certified scuba diving courses are available in the local area. A Spearfishing tournament that is open to the public is held annually. For more information, call (850) 283-3059.

### **Officers Club**

The Tyndall Officers Club is the center of social activities for Tyndall officers, their families and guests, providing southern hospitality at its best. It is a membership organization open to all officers, active duty or retired, as well as equivalent-grade civilian employees. The club opened its doors for the first time in a new facility in March 1995. A lunch buffet is available from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. weekdays. Dinners feature a complete a-la-carte menu along with a salad bar from 5:30-9 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday. For more information, call (850) 283-4357.

Have the professional staff cater your next function for great quality and value at either home or in the club. The club is located in Building 1454. For more information, call (850) 286-5171.

### **Officers' Wives Club**

The Tyndall Officers' Wives Club is well known as a charitable and social organization. The Thrift Shop, located in Building 743 is the primary source for raising charitable funds. Some base organizations benefiting from the OWC include the Scouts, Youth Activities Center, Child Development Center, Family Services, the hospital and the base at large. Members support other base activities such as, the Special Olympics sponsored by the Company Grade Officers Committee, the annual Operation Hospitality Program for ROTC cadets and college scholarships for dependents graduating high school. This organization also supports community and national charities.

The OWC meets each month for lunch or dinner. Special events may include an art show and auction, crafts fair, sports day or holiday events.

### **Aero Club**

The mild northwest Florida climate means Tyndall Aero Club members enjoy great year-round flying. Our FAA and Veterans Administration accredited flight school offers a variety of private licensing courses through airline transport pilots. Eligible personnel may apply for tuition assistance. Private Pilot and Commercial/Instrument ground schools begin the first month of every quarter with flight lessons scheduled at the customer's convenience. Courses include commercial, instrument, airline transport pilot, airplane or instrument instructor, multi-engine and multi-engine instructor. A pinch-hitter course designed to let non-pilots learn some of the important things about flying are also offered.

Get properly checked-out and fly one of the single or multi-engine aircraft for fully reimbursable transportation on your next TDY. Not only can active duty, retired military, DOD civilians and dependents take courses, but they can also purchase aviation supplies. For more information, call (850) 283-4404.

### **Bowling Center**

Raptor Lanes, located in Building 914, has 12 lanes with automatic pin spotters and scoring system, Cosmic Bowling™, snack bar, pro shop, lockers and video game room. The pro shop is open the same hours as the bowling center.

Bowling programs are available for all ages and include open bowling and tournaments as well as intramural, mixed and youth leagues. Attractive special bowling rates are offered throughout the week. The snack bar features the awesome "Raptor Burger." Tournaments are scheduled during weekend hours. For more information, call (850) 283-2380.

### **Youth Activities Center**

Tyndall is proud of its Youth programs. The center includes a regulation-sized gym with a stage; multi-purpose room; comprehensive game room with a pool table, foosball, Ping-Pong, television, snack bar and lounge areas; and "Before & After School" rooms. The Youth Center provides a variety of supervised activities and professional instructions to support all youth. Programs are varied to meet the interests of as many youngsters as possible for preteens six to twelve-years-old, and teenagers 13-18. Social activities include: dances, theme parties, various contests, holiday events, swimming pool and beach parties, birthday parties, special projects, essay contests, talent shows, contests, talent shows, community exploration, travel, fishing contest, skating parties, bike rodeos, picnics, VolksMarching, tournaments, painting and other art forms, craft days and boating trips. Instructional classes are offered in dance, piano, karate and gymnastics. Air Force youth centers are affiliated with Boys & Girls Club.

Athletic programs are offered in recreational and instructional leagues, which include baseball, softball, soccer and basketball. Leagues, track and field events, Olympics, monthly fitness challenges and other sports are geared toward teaching sportsmanship and fair play. All volunteer coaches are trained through National Youth Sports Coaches Association.

The baseball program features coach pitch, machine pitch and little major league that is affiliated with the Florida Little Major League. The soccer program consists of teams for youngsters under six, under eight, under ten and under 12 years of age. The soccer program is affiliated with the U.S. Youth Soccer Federation and participates in the Bay County Soccer League. Basketball leagues are available for kids age 5-16. Thirteen to 18 years old may participate at the local Boys and Girls Club downtown.

Outdoor facilities include a playground and exercise track located adjacent to the Youth Center, lighted baseball fields, soccer fields, basketball courts and tennis courts.

Funding for Youth Center programs include appropriated funds, user fees, and through the Combined Federal Campaign and the local United Way by designating organization # 3014.

The Youth Center is located in Building 3223 on Sabre Drive in the Wood Manor housing area. Call (850) 283-4366 for more information.

### **Tyndall's History**

Pine and palmetto trees, scrub brush and swamps covered the area known as the East Peninsula. Bulldozers worked around-the-clock to clear the brush and fill in the swamps. This activity marked the beginning of construction of Tyndall AFB in May 1941. The name of Tyndall Field was suggested by Congressman Bob Sikes of the Third Congressional District of

Florida, in memory of Lt. Frank B. Tyndall, a World War I ace, who was killed on active duty in 1930.

On Dec. 7, 1941, the first of 2,000 troops arrived at Tyndall Field. Although construction was incomplete, instructors and students began preparing for the first class. The first class of 40 gunnery students began on Feb. 23, 1942. Of the thousands of students passing through the Tyndall gates, the most famous was actor Clark Gable, a student here in 1943.

One common thread between those early years and today's training at Tyndall is foreign student training. It began at Tyndall in 1943 with French Air Force gunnery students being the first and Chinese students following later that year. Today, foreign students attend weapons controller training at Tyndall.

When World War II ended, Tyndall went through the demobilization process, as did most Army Air Corps units. Possibilities looked up as the base fell under the control of the Tactical Air Command in 1946. This only lasted three months, as Tyndall became part of Air University.

In September 1950, Tyndall became an Air Training Command unit, designated as the USAF Pilot Instructor School. This relationship lasted until September 1957, when Tyndall became part of the Air Defense Command, an association that would continue for more than 22 years.

Tyndall began hosting William Tell in 1958, just one year after becoming an Air Defense Command unit. That competition continues today under the sponsorship of Air Combat Command.

Tyndall's second association with the Tactical Air Command began in October 1979. Over the next few years, modernization, upgrade and reorganization became the key words around Tyndall. A major reorganization occurred on July 1, 1981, with the activation of the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Weapons Wing. The wing began its mission at Tyndall with the F-101, F-106 and T-33 aircraft, while at the same time phasing out the F-101 and F-106 aircraft and preparing for the arrival of Tyndall's first F-15 aircraft in 1983.

Over the years, Tyndall gained additional missions as other units were stationed on the base. The Air Force Engineering and Services Center was formed at Tyndall as a part of a reorganization. In 1991, it was renamed the Air Force Civil Engineering Agency. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Air Division was renamed the Southeast Air Defense Sector, also relocated to Tyndall. They had the responsibility for the air defense of the southeastern United States.

As the base entered its 50<sup>th</sup> year, Tyndall underwent yet another reorganization in response to the Department of Defense efforts to streamline defense management. Headquarters, 1<sup>st</sup> Air Force moved from Langley AFB, Va., to Tyndall and the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing became the installation host. Transition continued as the base transferred from the Air Combat Command to the Air Education and Training Command in July 1993. This move signaled a heightened emphasis on Tyndall's training mission and a more streamlined approach to training.

Today, that training continues. The 325<sup>th</sup> FW is responsible for building an "air superiority team." The wing conducts training for F-15 pilots, air traffic controllers, F-15 specific intelligence personnel, weapons controllers and crew chiefs specially trained on the F-15. The men and women of Tyndall stand ready to defend the interest of America today and tomorrow as their forefathers did before them.

## **Community**

Bay County—where the good life has always been. Sixteenth century Spanish explorers recognized the natural splendor of St. Andrews Bay when they arrived seeking gold. Eighteenth century homesteaders saw it in the tranquil Gulf of Mexico with land rich enough to support farms and families.

Pioneer families began arriving by 1850 and after the Civil War, the area became a retirement settlement for veterans. In the early 1900s, the Creek Indians left Georgia and the Carolinas for northwest Florida. They found the area rich in game, fish, shellfish, nuts and berries.

One of the area's first settlers, George M. West, arrived around the beginning of the century. He is credited with naming Panama City, inspired by the construction of the Panama Canal.

Since those early times, the area's opportunity for economic growth has continued. More and more "settlers" are discovering the world's most beautiful beaches, moderate temperatures, natural splendor, rural tranquillity and a cost of living index well below that of most U.S. metropolitan areas.

## ***Early Cities***

In the early days there were three municipalities: St. Andrews incorporated in 1908; Panama City in 1909; and Millville in 1913. In 1926, they were consolidated into Panama City.

The area's chamber of commerce was founded in 1913 and its priority was to establish a new county. This came about in 1913 when the Florida legislature created Bay County from parts of Washington and Calhoun counties.

A paper mill was built on St. Andrews Bay in 1931, contributing to the area's economy and Bay County's growth steadily continued. A large hotel and public office buildings were built in Panama City, and port facilities were expanded. Military personnel began arriving during World War II.

Tyndall Field officially opened in December 1941 and the Naval Coastal Systems Station was established in September 1945. The military population brings a cosmopolitan air to Bay County, contributing to the social and cultural flair of the area. Their combined estimated economic impact in the local area is more than \$698 million.

## ***Tourism***

Tourism is the second largest contributor to the economy. The official tourist season begins Memorial Day and ends Labor Day, with the northern "Snowbird" visitors beginning their stay mid-October through April. The tourist industry is also expanding to include conventions and business meetings along with the college community and family trade already established. There has been an influx of northern visitors during the winter months expanding the tourist trade into a year-round business.

Other sources of employment include paper manufacturing, chemicals, plastic products, auto parts, boat manufacturing, back office operations and lumber. Retail sales are becoming more important to the local economy as more and more shopping centers spring up. Downtown

Panama City is experiencing a shopping resurgence as restoration and renovation of the historic district continues.

If you are relocating permanently, being transferred to one of the military installations or taking a well-earned vacation, you'll love Bay County!

### ***Activities***

There is no lack of things to do in Bay County. From amusement parks to quiet strolls along the beach—it's all here. Water sports abound in the Gulf and the surrounding lakes in the area; boating, sailing, snorkeling, water-skiing, windsurfing or just swimming. Anglers can enjoy freshwater fishing or try their luck for a trophy-sized game fish on deep sea fishing trips. World-class golf courses and numerous tennis facilities are also available.

Indoor activities range from gospel concerts to rock bands at beach night spots, amateur theater to lectures at Gulf Coast Community College and Florida State University; and for readers there is an extensive public library with four branches. In addition to the area's natural attractions, Panama City Beach offers an amusement park, water-theme park, a marine life park and a zoo for vacationers' enjoyment.

Many marinas have deep-sea charter and party boats to transport visitors out on the Gulf of Mexico for fishing. Grouper, snapper and other bottom-feeding fish are plentiful.

The Panama City Marine Institute is partly responsible for the quality of fishing in the area's waters because of the artificial reefs they have built. As part of its rehabilitative program for troubled minors, the Panama City Marine Institute began a program of artificial reef building in the 1970s. These reefs have created prolific breeding places for fish and shelters for all forms of marine life. They also offer a variety of dive sites off Panama City Beach, which many enthusiasts believe are the best in the northern Gulf of Mexico.

The northbound Gulf Stream and southbound Mississippi River water, called the Loop Current, bring tuna, marlin and sailfish into our fishing area. Deep-sea charter boats carry six people as far as 100 miles offshore to troll for sailfish, marlin, amber jack, tarpon, wahoo, tuna, bonita and barracuda. One of the best bill-fishing spots in the world is the DeSota Canyon, a 1,000-foot drop in the Gulf floor, south of Panama City. These waters have produced record-breaking blue marlins.

A saltwater fishing license is required. There are exemptions to some requirements; contact the Bay County Tax Collector's office at 784-4090 for more details.

### ***Fresh water fishing***

For freshwater fishing, Dead Lakes and Deer Point Lake have the reputation of some of the best freshwater fishing in the nation. At both lakes, anglers will find large-mouth bass, bluegill, catfish, jackfish and shellcrackers. Freshwater anglers age 15-65 are required to purchase a license. Licenses can be bought at the Bay County Tax Collector's office, any of the marinas, bait-and-tackle shops or some larger department stores. Marinas and bait-and-tackle shops can also supply proper equipment, bait and advice about fishing spots, bag limits and size restrictions.

Lagoon waters off St. Andrews Park are shallow with no boat traffic, making them ideal for snorkeling and beginning divers. An old tar barge was sunk just inside St. Andrews Bay in 18

feet of water where visibility ranges from five to 15 feet. This area has many beautiful shells and colorful tropical fish, and is ideal for underwater photography.

Striped, silvery and colorful butterfly and angelfish, along with octopus, sea urchins, sand dollars and starfish, live and feed near five steel-hulled lifeboats chained together and sunk in 25 feet of water in the bay. The tugboat Simpson is a good spot for beginners, resting at a depth of 25 feet, less than a mile from shore.

In 1977, the Department of Natural Resources sank the 41-foot Liberty to a depth of 70 feet. The Gray Ghost, a 105-foot tugboat, lies almost intact in 107 feet of water. These two artificial reefs attract a vast number and variety of fish and marine life.

Another favorite spot for fishermen and divers is the British tanker Empire Mica. It lies 24 miles off shore in 100 feet of water where a German U-boat during World War II torpedoed it.

Local dive shops give instructions in everything from spearfishing to underwater photography. Weather permitting, they offer daily tours for experienced divers. Opportunities for freshwater scuba diving are available in the many springs and rivers.

Bay County's temperate climate affords golfers a chance to enjoy their game year round. Of the 10 area courses, three are public, two are private and five are semi-private.

St. Andrews State Park is located three miles east of Panama City Beach. Part of Shell Island is also part of the park area. Much of the 1,260 acres is preserved in its natural state with beaches, sand dunes, sand pine scrub; with salt and freshwater marshes.

The Gulf of Mexico, St. Andrews Bay and Grand Lagoon bind the park. Fishing is the main attraction. Fishermen are in the middle of the action with a 450-foot long pier and jetties on the Gulf side, where they bring in catches of redfish, flounder, speckled trout, bluefish and Spanish and king mackerel. Visitors to St. Andrews State Park can enjoy swimming, boating, scuba diving, bicycling, bird watching and nature walks along the white, sandy beaches or shady wooded areas. Tours can also be taken through a reconstructed turpentine still, a relic from the turn of the century.

St. Andrews State Park opens at 8 a.m. and closes at sunset year round. The parking lot is usually full by 11 a.m. during the summer, which effectively closes the area to additional visitors. A boat ramp is located on Grand Lagoon and rentals are available during the summer season. In addition to excellent campgrounds, there are picnic areas equipped with tables and charcoal grills, playgrounds and rest rooms with showers.

Panama City and Bay County recreation departments maintain more than 50 city and county parks. These range from undeveloped natural settings to full recreational complexes complete with playgrounds, ball fields, picnic areas and rest rooms. Some of the parks have fishing and swimming facilities and nature walks.

## ***Arts***

In 1978, Bay County Music Association, Art Association, Friends of the Library and Historical Society formed the Bay Arts Alliance to provide quality cultural events and programs to the community. Promotion of the arts in education and entertainment is an ongoing commitment of more than 500 individuals who comprise membership. Bay Arts Alliance is the management company for the Marina Civic Center and is Bay County's link to the State of Florida's Department of Cultural Affairs.

On-going projects of the Bay Arts Alliance include presenting a series of professional performing arts events to the general public, and in many cases, to Bay County school children.

Music lovers will find a wide range of concerts including classical, instrumental, orchestral and vocal programs presented by the Gulf Coast Community College and the Performing Artists' Guild.

Bay County has five public libraries: the main library in downtown Panama City, telephone (850) 872-7500; the Springfield Library on the east side, telephone (850) 872-7510; Panama City Beach Library on the west side, telephone (850) 233-5055; North Bay Public Library located in Lynn Haven, telephone (850) 265-2781; and Parker Public Library, telephone (850) 871-3092. Library services include materials for the handicapped, large-print books, books-on-tape, college courses on video cassette and story times for children.

### **The Area**

Bay County covers some 758 square miles and is home to approximately 134,000 people. This figure is expected to climb to 183,000 in 2000 and outpace the state growth rate.

Panama City, the largest municipality in Bay County covers 25 square miles with a population of 35,900, and is the county seat. The city's economic base is two military installations, several growing industrial centers and tourism. The city boasts a fine public library, parks and playgrounds, two hospitals, family medical clinics, civic clubs, Gulf Coast Community College and a branch of Florida State University.

Luxury hotels and family-operated motels across the Hathaway Bridge provide accommodations for visitors to Panama City Beach. This municipality covers some 20 square miles, and approximately 4,300+ people make this their permanent residence.

Springfield, incorporated in 1935, is located east of Panama City, and comprises eight square miles with a population of 9,000. It has grown from a rural community to a modern city complete with a library, community center and medical clinics.

Callaway is a residential and business community sharing a boundary and shopping centers with the city of Parker. Callaway covers 11 square miles and has a population of 13,500+. Many of the residents are military retirees as the city is located seven miles west of Tyndall.

The city of Parker is located between St. Andrews Bay and Martin Lake. It, too, is home for many military families. The total population of Parker is 5,000+. The Callaway-Parker shopping center provides a good economic foundation for the communities.

One of the smallest municipalities in Bay County is Cedar Grove, with 1.4 square miles and a population of 1,600+.

Lynn Haven, located six miles north of Panama City on North Bay was originally a retirement community for Civil War veterans. Some 10,000+ residents enjoy Lynn Haven's closeness to open country. The city's assets include a 200-acre industrial park, country club, public library and excellent recreational possibilities. It is also only four miles from the county's largest shopping center.

Thirty miles east of Panama City, on the "other side" of Tyndall AFB, is Mexico Beach. It is a delightful, "laid-back" vacation community on the Gulf of Mexico where some 1,000+ residents enjoy its 3.2 miles of Gulf coast year-round. It is noted for its safe beaches. Rental

cottages and apartments are plentiful. Campgrounds for RVs and restaurants are also available for visitors.

### *Residency requirements*

There is no fixed waiting period to become a Florida resident. All that is required is to establish a home or permanent dwelling and demonstrate the intent to make Florida a permanent legal residence. However, newcomers are advised to establish proof of intent by filing a sworn statement with the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Bay County. There is a small fee for recording the affidavit.

### *Education*

Public: Bay County's school district was formed in 1913 and has always enjoyed a reputation for educational excellence. Students consistently rank above state and national norms on SAT and ACT tests. There are several elementary, middle and high schools in the area. There is also an adult center, a vocational-technical center and an excellent program for exceptional children. School buses provide transportation to and from school for those students who live more than two miles from their assigned schools, ([www.panamacity.org](http://www.panamacity.org)).

The exceptional student program in Bay County includes gifted children, as well as those with physical and emotional handicaps.

Private: Several private and parochial schools are located in Bay County, as well as a number of day care and kindergarten classes.

Rehabilitative: The Panama City Marine Institute has a rehabilitative program for troubled minors, offering remedial education, vocational and employment skills training and counseling. A motivating environment is provided in which juvenile offenders can redirect and reshape their lives. The rehabilitative endeavor teaches good citizenship, seamanship, navigation and some marine biology. Youths are employed in labor-intensive environmental projects such as building artificial reefs and planting marine vegetation.

Higher Education: Gulf Coast Community College sits on a 74-acre campus over-looking North Bay. This is a public, two-year institution, granting associate of arts and science degrees in a variety of academic and occupational programs. A number of cultural programs are offered to the community through the college.

The Panama City branch of Florida State University is located adjacent to GCCC. The university has a student capacity of 3,000. Nine institutions comprise the State University System of Florida and FSU is a senior member.

Troy State University offers graduate and undergraduate degree programs at Tyndall AFB. For more information, call 283-4449 or write to TSU-Florida, Region, Box 40097, Tyndall AFB, FL 32403.

Anyone desiring information on either campus should contact: Gulf Coast Community College, 5230 West Highway 98, Panama City, FL 32401, (850) 769-1551; or Florida State University, 4750 Collegiate Dr., Panama City, FL 32402.

### **Medical Facilities**

Area hospitals include Columbia Gulf Coast Hospital, Bay Medical Center. The Joint Association on Accreditation of Hospitals accredits both.

Gulf Coast Hospital is the newest and, through its affiliation with Columbia Hospital Corp., one of the worlds most advanced medical diagnostic X-ray imaging systems was installed in 1986. The hospital also has a physician referral service. State-of-the-art care is offered by the hospital through the wellness center and maternity unit.

Bay Medical Center is the largest non-profit, acute care, full-service regional medical center. Its facilities include an outpatient surgery, a radiology center, and a heart catheterization laboratory. The hospital also has a hyperbaric department for the special oxygen treatment used in speeding the healing of cyanide poisonings, burns, gangrene and diving accidents. Some 50,000 patient's worldwide have been treated by the lithotripter, a revolutionary non-surgical kidney stone treatment. The process fragments the stone through a concentration of shock waves, allowing it to pass through the urinary tract.

### **United Way**

The United Way of Bay County offers a free information and referral service to any individual, agency or organization seeking information concerning the county. Call (850) 769-2738 for this service.

### **Chamber of Commerce**

The Bay County Chamber of Commerce is always happy to serve newcomers and visitors. They can be contacted by writing: Bay County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1850, Panama City, FL 32402-1850, (850) 785-5206, ([www.panamacity.org](http://www.panamacity.org)).

### **Economic Growth**

The Bay County area has many possibilities for economic growth. Florida's tax incentives make relocating business and industry to the area especially tempting. Resources are abundant and inexpensive, and there is a diverse labor market.

Bay County's economic base is a mixture of military, tourism, lumbering, trades, services, manufacturing, construction and commercial fishing. Business and industrial prosperity are vital for the long-term economic soundness of the area and thus the chamber of commerce founded the Economic Development Council in 1954. The purpose of this council is to recruit new industry, stimulate a sound business climate, assist existing businesses and promote business growth.

An available labor force, job-training facilities, access to markets and adequate support services are a few of the many assets attractive to businesses.

Two military installations, Tyndall AFB and the Naval Coastal Systems Station, are the largest contributors to Bay County's economic base.

The Coastal Systems Station is situated on 665 acres along St. Andrews Bay. About 3,000 military and civilian personnel work at the center, which is a major research and development facility in support of naval operations. The U.S. Navy School of Diving and Salvage, formerly based in Washington, D.C., is now located at CSS. Other operations include amphibious missions, diving, salvage and mine countermeasures.

Tyndall is located on a 29,102-acre peninsula 12 miles east of Panama City and employs more than 5,150 military and civilians; and directly supports more than 5,325 active duty military dependents. The primary mission of the base is F-15 aircraft pilot and maintenance training. Their economic impact in the local area is more than \$301 million annually.

Military retirees in the county include 1,677 Army, 1,597 Navy, 5,357 Air Force, 196 Marines and 115 Coast Guard whom have an annual retirement income of more than \$148 million.

Bay County's school board employs more than 3,000 and is considered the next largest employer. Bay Medical Center and Columbia Gulf Coast Hospital employ some 2,000 people. A list of major employers in the area is available through the Bay County Chamber of Commerce.

Gulf Coast Community College and Florida State University, Panama City campus, provide occupational and vocational training, as well as courses geared toward professional development which are of interest to business and industry. Haney Vocational Technical School offers full-time programs and specialized short courses to meet the business needs of the community. If a business needs specialized training for employees, the school will work directly with them.

Bay County's transportation network includes highways, waterways, railways and airways. U.S. Highways 231 and 98 are the main arteries for trucks hauling goods and raw materials in and out of the county. The Atlanta & St. Andrews Bay Railway runs to the docks at Port Panama City. The deep-water port is located on St. Andrews Bay and is one of the most economical ports on the Gulf or East Coast for import/export dealings in international trade.

Bay County is served by The Delta Connection, U.S. Air Express, Atlantic Southeast Airlines and Northwest Airlin. Three general aviation services offer private and charter flights, as well as service for privately owned aircraft. The Panama City airport has two lighted runways and a modern Federal Aviation Administration control tower. The airport is located adjacent to the industrial district, which was created in 1967.

The Economic Development Council continually seeks new businesses to locate to Bay County and the Tourist Development Council strives to increase fall and winter tourism. Beachside hotels offer excellent meeting facilities and space for exhibits, which are attracting conventions.

### **General Information**

**Area:** Bay County covers a 758-square mile area and the elevation average is 13 feet above sea level.

**Climate:** Bay County enjoys a moderate climate, rarely dropping below 40 degrees Fahrenheit in winter or rising above 90 degrees during the summer. The rainy season falls between April and August, with an annual precipitation of 57.8 inches.

**Financial facilities:** Bay County's financial community provides a full range of financial services for residents and businesses through banks, credit unions and savings and loan associations.

**Area government:** The Bay County Board of County Commissioners administers the county's unincorporated areas from the county seat in Panama City. Each of the eight incorporated municipalities has a mayor/city commissioner form of government.

**Religion:** The 150 churches in the communities represent religions of most denominations. Some provide schools for various grade levels and other social activities.

**Housing:** Bay County offers housing in new subdivisions and in older, established neighborhoods, with costs comparable to most metropolitan areas of its size in the Southeast. There are many one, two and three-bedroom homes, townhouses and apartments, furnished or unfurnished, available on the retail market.

**Media:** The Panama City News Herald, 501 West 11<sup>th</sup> St., (P.O. Box 1940), Panama City, FL 32402, (850) 747-5000, serves the region as the daily newspaper.

The area has four major television stations: WJHG (NBC), Channel 7; WMBB (ABC), Channel 13; WTVY (CBS), Channel 4; and WPGX (FOX), Channel 28.

Four cable companies provide customers with access to CNN, ESPN, HBO, the Disney Channel, educational television and others. Fifteen radio stations broadcast throughout Bay County.

**Shopping:** Bay County offers several fine shopping centers. The largest is the Panama City Mall, located between U.S. Highway 231 and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. In addition to shops, the mall has a four-screen discount theater, food courts and presents educational and entertaining events. The downtown area offers a variety of shops, including clothing, furniture, antiques, jewelry, etc.

**Taxes:** Florida has no personal state income tax or inheritance tax. There is a seven-percent retail sales tax and a corporate tax.

Real estate taxes are a combination of city, county and school district levies, plus special assessments. Florida residents have a \$25,000 exemption on the value of their property. Taxes are based on 100 percent of the assessed value of real and tangible personal property.

**Utilities:** Electric, gas, telephone and water companies require deposits for first-time service in area. The amount of the deposits varies. Garbage pick-up and sewer hook-up are required by the governmental jurisdictions which provide such service.

## Phone Numbers

### *Emergency Numbers*

Fire/Police/Ambulance...911

### *Other Non-Emergency Numbers (area code 850)*

#### Fire:

Bay County.....	747-4701
Callaway.....	871-0666
Lynn Haven.....	265-4111
Mexico Beach.....	769-7968
Panama City.....	872-3030
Panama City Beach.....	233-5120

Parker.....871-4313  
Springfield.....872-7535

**Police:**

Bay County Sheriff.....785-4351  
Callaway.....871-1008  
Cedar Grove... ..763-1578  
Lynn Haven.....265-4111  
Mexico Beach.....227-1115  
Panama City..... 872-3112  
Panama City Beach.....233-5000  
Parker.....871-4100  
Springfield.....872-7545  
Highway Patrol.....872-4150  
Crime Stoppers.....785-8477

**Information:**

Poison Control.....(800) 282-3171  
Mental Health Emergency.....(850) 769-9481